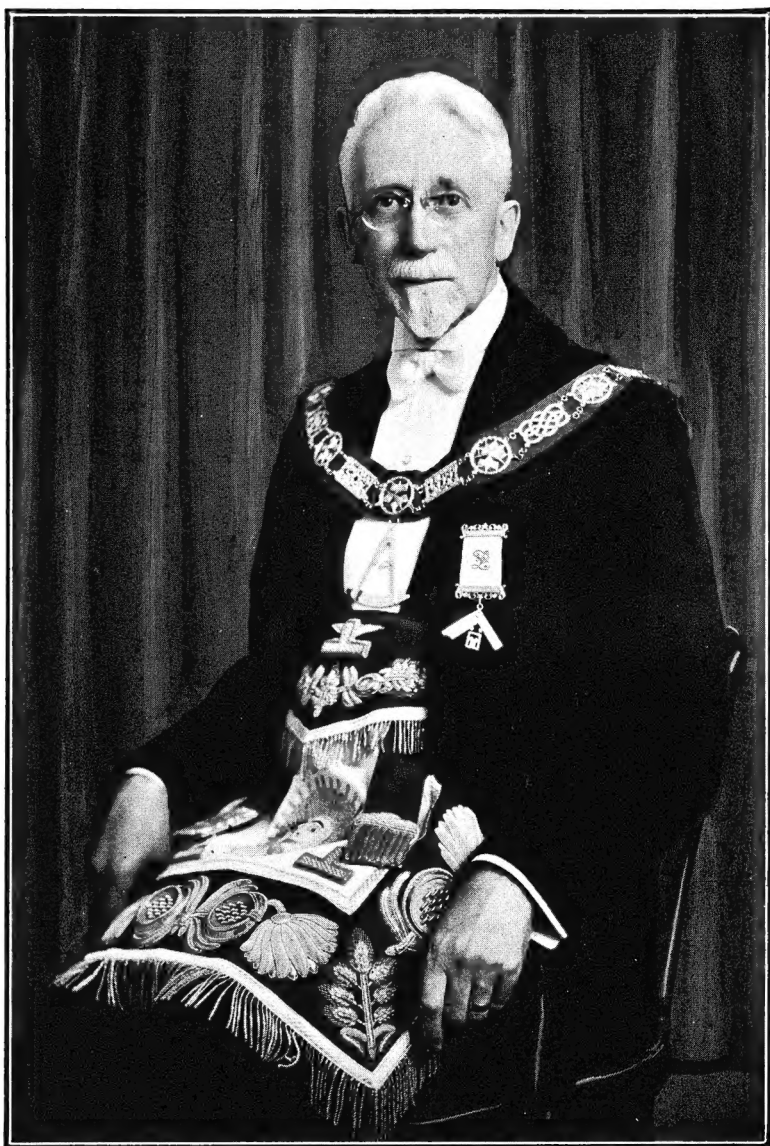




M.W. Bro. GEORGE W. KERBY
Grand Master, 1931

M.W. Bro. The Rev. Dr. George W. Kerby, B.A., D.D.

GRAND MASTER 1931

M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, who has so capably served the Fraternity as Grand Master during his term of office, was born in Sombra, Ontario, passed his childhood on his parent's farm, was educated at Sarnia High School, Cobourg Collegiate Institute and Victoria University, federated with Toronto University, graduating with first-class honors, B. A., and in 1911 received the degree of D.D.

He married Emily Spencer, daughter of the Rev. James Spencer, M.A. There were two children of this marriage, Mrs. Arthur J. Cowan, B.A., of Vancouver, B.C., and Squadron Leader, H. Spencer Kerby, D.S.C., A.F.C. This son was one of the first two young men from Canada to be accepted by the Royal Naval Air Force in the first stages of the Great War, paying their own expenses to England. He served with distinction in the Dardanelles, France and the English Channel and is at present occupying an important post in the Air Ministry, London, England.

M. W. Bro. Kerby held important pastorates in Brantford, Hamilton and Montreal, coming to Calgary in 1903 as Minister of Central Methodist Church, which ministry he held until 1911. He was President of the Alberta Methodist Conference in 1906-7 and Principal of Mount Royal College since its foundation in 1910. This college, mainly through his efforts, is now affiliated with the University of Alberta and supplies a greatly needed educational facility to students in the southern part of Alberta, providing first and second year University courses in Arts and Sciences.

M. W. Bro. Kerby has filled many offices, be it noted, all of them in the service of his fellows: Trustee, General Hospital, Calgary, 1913-14; Trustee, Calgary Public Schools, 1914-17; Chairman, Board of Education, Calgary, 1915-16; served during the Great War as Chief Recruiting Officer of M. D. 13, and District Representative under the Military Service Act, holding honorary rank of Major and Chaplain; President of Calgary Branch of Canadian Authors' Society, 1921; member of the League of Nations Society; member of the Canadian and Rotary Clubs and was President of the latter in 1916; also member of the Calgary Board of Trade.

At the present time, in addition to being President of the Mount Royal Junior College, he is Chairman of the Calgary Branch National Council of Education; Chairman of the Calgary Branch of the New Educational Fellowship; President of Provincial Federation of Home

and School; President of the National Federation of Home and School and First Vice-President of the International Federation of the same, as well as a member of the World Federation Educational Association. He is also a member of the Senate of the University of Alberta.

In short he is an international educational authority and wherever such matters are to the fore, there will be found our M. W. Brother, whether it be on this continent or in Europe. A brilliant, convincing speaker, he has been heard in the interests of education at many great and important gatherings, from Geneva in Europe, where he presided on more than one occasion, to San Francisco, in the United States, and from Vancouver to Halifax in Canada, which includes most of the leading centres between these points.

As an author he has made his mark, as "The Broken Trail" and many other publications prove.

Of fraternal societies it cannot be said he is a "joiner"—he only belongs to two, Masonic and the I.O.O.F. But this may be said, long before he actually became a member in Brant Lodge, No. 85, A.F. & A.M., at Brantford, Ontario, in 1899, our brother was a Mason. He is one of those rare personalities whose life has ever been Masonic in practice and precept. Coming to Calgary he maintained his connection with Masonry by affiliating with Zetland Lodge, No. 83, of which he is now a Past Master and Life Member. On becoming a member of Grand Lodge he was elected Grand Chaplain, which office he held for three years—a record. In 1928 he was elected Junior Grand Warden and having served as S. G. W. and D. G. M., he was elected Grand Master in 1931. He is also a 32° member of the A. & A.S.R.

His year of office was a difficult one. Conditions in town and country were such that lodges and individual members felt the strain severely, yet it is in no small measure due to the cheering and courageous example of the Grand Master that they have successfully combatted the adverse influences of the times. Indeed, his slight, erect and knightly figure, glowing with an energy that was spiritual in its force, alive with intelligence and a sense of humor, left an impression that, combined with his message, cheered and invigorated his audience.

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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Twenty-seventh Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 8th, A.D. 1932, A.L. 5932, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m.

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OPENING

Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, Deputy Grand Master, in DUE FORM and with solemn prayer at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

The Deputy Grand Master then requested the V. W. Grand Director of Ceremonies to repair to the apartment of the Grand Master and announce that Grand Lodge was prepared to receive him. The M. W. the Grand Master, escorted by the Past Grand Masters, then entered the lodge room, was received with Grand Honors, assumed the chair and declared Grand Lodge opened in AMPLE FORM.

MUSIC—ORGAN

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

The M. W. the Grand Master directed the V. W. Grand Director of Ceremonies to retire and introduce His Worship the Mayor of the City of Calgary, R. W. Bro. A. Davison, who formally welcomed the Grand Lodge of Alberta in the name of the city. His Worship, in referring to the fact that this was the first time the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge had been held in this Temple, congratulated the Masons of Calgary in being able to accommodate the large and representative gathering he saw before him in this splendid lodge room. He also assured them that his words of welcome were not merely personal, but were shared and supported by all the citizens of Calgary.

The M. W. the Grand Master, in replying, dwelt on the significance of that wonderful word "welcome" and all that it implied, thanking the Mayor for the many courtesies he knew the City of Calgary always extended to its visitors.

PRESENTATION

The M. W. the Grand Master then requested M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, P.G.M., to approach the East, when, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, he presented him with a Grand Representative's jewel, mentioning that M. W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Grand Master of that Grand Lodge, had intended to present this jewel himself last year when he visited our Grand Lodge. Unfortunately M. W. Bro. Jackson was unable to be present on that occasion so he was unable to do so and he therefore requested that it be presented when opportunity occurred. M. W. Bro. Jackson briefly replied, expressing his appreciation of this honor.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Secretary, at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, called the roll of the Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge and the Representatives present extended fraternal greetings from their respective jurisdictions to the Grand Master and were received with Grand Honors. The Grand Master, in expressing his

pleasure in receiving the greetings from these Grand Jurisdictions, spoke of the cordial relations which existed not only between these jurisdictions and the Grand Lodge of Alberta, but mutually one with the other, and that this unity of purpose could be maintained and strengthened in a great degree by the Grand Representatives realizing their responsibilities by keeping in touch with their respective jurisdictions and cultivating closer contacts wherever possible. He concluded by requesting them to convey his warm fraternal greetings and those of the Grand Lodge of Alberta to the jurisdictions they represented.

M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, representing the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, in replying on behalf of the Grand Representatives, made special reference to the universality of Masonry. Although it is world wide, yet it has no head office and while contacts are not often made between jurisdictions, yet when occasion arises that universality is fully demonstrated by the fraternal reception accorded members of the Fraternity by their brethren in every part of the world. In thanking the Grand Master for his kindly welcome, he assured him that they would feel honored in conveying his fraternal greetings to the jurisdictions they represented.

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. F. W. Lowle (51), "That the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Twenty-sixth Annual Communication, held in the City of Edmonton, on June 10th and 11th, 1931, and as appeared in the printed Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed."

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and telegrams were read from the following brethren, expressing their regret at being unable to attend the Annual Communication and wishing Grand Lodge a most successful meeting: M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid, P.G.M.; R. W. Bro. Wm. Dobson, D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 6; V. W. Bro. G. E. Blake, G. D. of C.; V. W. Bro. Robert Paterson, G.S.; R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands, P.D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. Chas. G. Flavin, P.D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs, P.G.R.; and W. Bro. N. A. Houghton (139).

A telegram of greetings was read from M. W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and also one from M. W. Bro. Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and the Grand Secretary was directed to send suitable replies.

Grand Master's Address

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

Brethren:

I am especially pleased and gratified that we are holding our Annual Communication this year in the City of Calgary, where, some twenty-six years ago, organized Masonry in this province came into being.

Calgary is the city of clear, cold, running water. The city of romance and reality, whose ramparts are the everlasting hills of God. The city that has given the atmosphere, the coloring, the facts, the incidents and the incentive to more writers of poetry and prose than any other city of its size in the British Empire.

The city where yet remains an unforgettable few of the old Old-timers and pioneers who blazed the trail for us and for others, and who linger yet awhile in the sunset of life's horizon before they make their last great portage beyond the mountains of time.

The city where there still may be seen, on occasion, a Royal North West Mounted Policeman in his brilliant uniform, a cowboy with his chapps and bucking bronco, and the historic Red Man in his feathers and war-paint, each moving among our fine modern buildings or mingling with the throng on the paved streets and sidewalks where fifty or more years ago there was but a lone trail—

*Before the days of boulevards, or telephones, or cars,
Before the days of aeroplanes and railway lines and bars—
The days when Indian wigwams
Filled this valley with their smoke,
And buffalo roamed a million strong
From Olds to Okotoks.*

We welcome you to Calgary, the city that is mentioned in the Bible as a city "beautiful for situation and the joy of the whole earth."

One year ago, we received at your hands the honor, the responsibility and the opportunity that inheres in the exalted office of a Masonic Grand Master. Today, we are called on to give an account of our stewardship before our mantle falls on the shoulders of another.

In this connection may we say that there is no interregnum in the kingdom of Masonry—"The King is dead, long live the King!" Grand Masters may come and Grand Masters may go, but Masonry goes on forever—and nothing can hold back the onward march of this ancient and honorable Order, in its search for truth, in its experience and exemplification of brotherly love and in the dispensing of that charity which is "the distinguishing characteristic of a truly Masonic heart."

Permit me to say that the year has been one of joyous service. The friendships, the fellowships, the contacts with the brethren have all been to me an enriching process.

We have not seen the fulfillment of all our dreams, nor the realization of all our cherished hopes and plans. Indeed, sometimes, "that which shone afar so grand has turned to ashes in our hand." Yet we have not striven in vain. Neither has our labor been fruitless, nor without reward. No earnest seeker after truth every wholly missed it. The virtue is in the struggle and not altogether in the prize.

*"Better the chance of failure,
Better to know defeat,
Than never a single struggle,
Proving that life is sweet."*

Unless "our reach exceeds our grasp—what is Heaven for?"

*"Heaven does with us as we with torches do,
Not light them for themselves;
For if our virtues did not go forth of us
'Twere all alike as if we had them not."*

The voice of Kipling's pioneer is a familiar voice. It rings in the inner nature of man. It tells him there is something beyond. It calls him to the quest of the unseen. It has been the impelling force back of much of the world's achievements. If then, we accept the challenge of the unknown, the hidden, the undiscovered in Masonry, we shall not be content to sit by the slowly dying embers of burnt-out fires, but we shall arise and follow the dawn.

NECROLOGY

With the passing of the year there has also been the passing of many of our beloved brethren—"They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." We miss the familiar faces today. We sigh for "The touch of the vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is stilled." They have entered upon the great adventure.

*"Their day has come, not gone,
Their sun has risen, not set,
Their lives are now beyond
The reach of death or change,
Not ended, but begun.
Oh! noble souls, Oh! friendly hearts,
Hail and farewell!"*

We honor their memory and we drop the tear of sympathy for all the bereaved ones in the Masonic households of our Grand Jurisdiction.

In the volume of sacred law we read that "It is appointed unto men once to die." This is a self-evident, axiomatic truth. It admits of no argument and it needs none. It was true yesterday, it is true today and it will be true tomorrow. Death is an experience that everyone must undergo. It may come in the morning of life, it may come at the noonday, or it may come in the sere and yellow leaf of old age. Death, however, has nothing to do with our innermost selves. It has only to do with this poor, frail tenement of clay. It only affects the surface. It never affects the soul of things. The candle of the soul can never be extinguished. The body is one thing, the essence of the soul is another thing. Death, it is said, is the liberator of him whom freedom cannot release. It is the physician of him whom medicine cannot heal. It is the consolation of him whom Time cannot console.

The spirit in me and in you is the same as the spirit of God. There is that within each of us which no grave can bury and no death destroy. It isn't how long one lives that counts, but how much one lives while life lasts. Some men live one hundred years in fifty years. The length of life is not important, but the weight of one's life is supremely important. To have lived and served and loved and laughed is important, even if one has only a few years in which to do it. The quality, and not the quantity of life is the thing that matters most. Out of what we have we are to make the music of life. Burbank took an ugly-odored dahlia and developed in it the perfume that poets love to write about—the sweet magnolia.

Success, after all, is the proper use of the powers we possess.

*"And should the pilot deem it best
To cut the voyage short,
He sees beyond the sky-line, and
He'll bring us into port."*

FOREIGN RELATIONS AND EXCHANGE OF VISITS

Most cordial relations have been maintained between our Grand Lodge and all Grand Jurisdictions, with which we have established recognition. I have had invitations to be present at important functions which took place in many of these jurisdictions, such as the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and the dedication of the George Washington Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia.

I was able to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan at Regina, to which I was cordially invited, and where I had the pleasure of meeting their Grand Lodge officers and the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Manitoba and Montana, who were also visitors. It was a great opportunity to confer together on matters of Masonic interest.

In the evening I was privileged to address the brethren on matters of national and Masonic interest, which I trust tended to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood between our respective Grand Lodges.

I also had the opportunity of visiting our brethren of Montana, through an invitation I received from the Scottish Rite Body at Great Falls, where I was privileged likewise to meet a number of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Montana.

It was a matter of genuine regret that I was unable to accept the other cordial invitations extended to me.

On June 25th, M. W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, on returning East from British Columbia, broke his journey at Calgary, where he and Mrs. Dargavel visited old friends. I had the privilege of entertaining this distinguished brother at luncheon in the Temple, at which many of my Grand Lodge officers were present. I also had the pleasure of introducing him to the members of my own lodge, Zetland, No. 83, where he delivered an address which will be long remembered by all those who were present.

M. W. Bro. H. B. Morley, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, was kind enough to stop off in Calgary, at my invitation, on his return from attendance at the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and we had the pleasure of entertaining him at a luncheon, which gave many of our Grand Lodge officers and members an opportunity of meeting him. All were delighted with the message he brought from the magnificent gathering at Philadelphia, where representatives were present from all the Masonic world. M. W. Bro. Morley expressed the wish that we could have a more frequent interchange of fraternal visits between our respective Grand Jurisdictions, and in this I heartily concur.

We also had a pleasant call from M. W. Bro. N. J. Black, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, on January 28th, 1932, who was in the city on a brief business visit.

The personal touch, the views exchanged and the addresses made by these brethren, impressed me with the importance of encouraging such exchanges of fraternal greetings.

CONSTITUTION OF LODGES

On June 27th, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Kemmis and Bro. O. Moore, I drove to Pollockville and constituted Berry Creek Lodge, No. 158.

I commissioned R. W. Bro. R. Douglas, P.D.D.G.M., to constitute Sharon Lodge, No. 157, which ceremony was duly performed by him at Iron Springs on July 15th.

I also commissioned R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, D.G.M., to constitute Lucerne Lodge, No. 159, at Vauxhall, which was done on July 22nd. On this occasion, the Deputy Grand Master was assisted by R. W. Bro. Douglas, P.D.D.G.M., and R. W. Bro. S. T. Fawcett, D.D.G.M. of the district.

I wish to tender my thanks to these brethren and particularly to R. W. Bro. Douglas, who during his year of office had both Sharon and Lucerne Lodges in his district. It will be remembered that Sharon Lodge was under dispensation for three years and it is largely due to R. W. Bro. Douglas' efforts that this lodge has been placed on a firm footing and was qualified for its charter.

VISITATIONS

During the year I have received many invitations to attend anniversary communications of lodges. It was impossible to be present at all of them, but I had the pleasure of assisting at the 21st Anniversary celebration of Unity Lodge, No. 51, at Edmonton, and the 25th Anniversary of Ashlar Lodge, No. 28, at Calgary. M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., very kindly represented me on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of Apollo Lodge, No. 27, at Stettler.

I also visited King George Lodge, No. 59, on a unique occasion, that of the burning of the mortgage on their Masonic Temple in Calgary. The brethren of this lodge are to be congratulated on completing their payments exactly according to schedule, thereby succeeding in cancelling all indebtedness on the very substantial building which they have constructed.

At all of these meetings, I found a very large and enthusiastic attendance. The proceedings were conducted with the greatest regard for dignity and precision and the addresses given were of a very high order, making me regret the more that circumstances made it impossible for me to attend all of these special meetings.

DISPENSATIONS

I refused to grant a dispensation to a lodge to change the night of their regular meeting on account of a Sports Day being held on that date.

I also refused permission to a lodge to hold a meeting out of doors, inasmuch as I did not feel that it was possible, under the circumstances, to preserve the privacy of the lodge proceedings.

In accordance with the opinion expressed by Grand Lodge last year, I issued dispensations to lodges which requested them, to attend Divine Service in Regalia. I deemed it advisable to send with each dispensation directions emphasizing the instruction in the form of dispensation, "All things to be done decently and in order."

A list of the dispensations issued during the year will be found, as usual, in the Grand Secretary's Report.

I would like here to refer to the practice of some lodges spreading on their notices, business which requires the permission of the Grand Master to transact, without even communicating with the Grand Master with regard to the same and then asking for a dispensation at the eleventh hour. Taking for granted that a dispensation must issue may lead to disappointment and perhaps serious trouble.

RULING

A ruling was requested as to the residence qualification of an applicant who had been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, taking post-graduate courses in medicine during the whole of the time, with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he had not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant.

I ruled that he had not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction and having returned to his former place of residence, to resume the practice of his profession, he should be regarded as not having lost his standing as a resident.

LODGE BY-LAWS

Numerous requests were made for amendments, the great majority being changes in dues to meet the requirements of Grand Lodge, but there were several amendments changing the annual dues so that non-resident members paid lower dues than those residing in the vicinity of the lodge. It is my opinion that the operation of such a by-law actually deters the non-resident member from affiliating with a lodge near which he is residing, while he will take full advantage of all its privileges. There are more than a few lodges in this jurisdiction who are burdened with an excess of unaffiliates.

LOTTERIES AND CIRCULARIZATION OF LODGES

I regret to report the invasion of our jurisdiction by a body professing to be Masonic, which by circularizing our lodges attempted

to use them as agents for the distribution of lottery tickets. Immediately the matter was brought to my attention I at once notified all our lodges, that not only was the sale of lottery tickets against the law of our country, but was contrary to the ideals and the interest of Masonry and forbade them as lodges, to distribute these tickets or take any action regarding them. I also wrote to the Grand Lodge, in whose jurisdiction the Masonic body referred to had its headquarters, and received a letter from them assuring me that the action of this body was entirely without their sanction or authority and they would take such steps as to prevent a repetition of the occurrence.

I also regret to report that a lodge from another jurisdiction circularized our lodges with a view to obtaining financial assistance to reduce the debt on their Temple building. This case was immediately taken up with the Grand Lodge holding jurisdiction and our lodges were notified not to take any action in the matter. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge concerned immediately tendered the fullest apology for this breach of etiquette on the part of one of his lodges and intimated that the offending lodge would be severely disciplined.

QUESTIONABLE PUBLICITY

Having noticed more than once in the public press, extended notices concerning certain entertainments sponsored by members of the Craft under the auspices of Masonic lodges, I instituted inquiries into the nature of these public performances. I found they were travesties or caricatures of Masonry and its ceremonies, tending to bring ridicule on our Fraternity and I have expressed my strong disapproval of such forms of entertainment being sponsored by lodges and put on by Masons as such, and in one case refused my consent to a proposed performance of this nature. Many members of our Institution would, I believe, after witnessing such exhibitions, feel that the seriousness and solemnity of our rites had lost for them something that was vital and sacred. Our Masonic ceremonies are of such a nature that they should be carefully guarded at all times from the slightest suggestion of ridicule or mockery.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

At the beginning of my term of office I sent out to the District Deputy Grand Masters suggestions for consideration on their official visits to their lodges. I have reason to believe that this proved helpful to my deputies and stimulated interest in the lodges. Evidence of this was shown in the attentive interest given by the members to the discussions and addresses at the District Meetings.

I am thankful to say I was able to visit each district, in company with the Grand Secretary, from Wembley in the far north, to Crownest Pass in the south, even to Medicine Hat in the east. The attendance at these meetings, in every case, was large and it was most encouraging to note the intelligent appreciation of the worth of the institution, its principles and ideals, by those present.

My first visitation was to the Thirteenth Masonic District in the Peace River country, at Wembley. This is possibly one of the largest Masonic Districts in area in the world, it being 250 miles by 350 miles, with but eight lodges scattered over its vast territory. Nothing could be finer than the hospitality extended to us by the brethren in this district. We were enabled, through the kindness of the Master of

Lake Saskatoon Lodge, the District Deputy and others, to visit points of interest from one end of the district to the other, and even beyond to British Columbia, travelling by motor as far as Fort St. John on the great Peace River. We were entertained at luncheon by the brethren at Hythe, whose lodge is the furthest west in that part of the jurisdiction. On the return trip we were able to visit every centre where a lodge existed and met some of the brethren at each point.

At all the District Meetings I found the District Deputies had their work well in hand, and were in touch with their lodges and conditions in their districts. In short, they had left nothing undone to make the meetings a success, and since which time, also, they have been most active in the discharge of their duties.

In District No. 14, the meeting was held at Oyen and all arrangements were efficiently carried out by R. W. Bro. Chas. Stewart, P.D.D. G.M., acting for R. W. Bro. M. S. MacLeod, who was absent through illness at the Coast. This brother later found it necessary to remain permanently at the Coast and I therefore requested his resignation and appointed R. W. Bro. P. A. Davie, who was D.D.G.M. last year, to take charge of the district for the balance of the year.

CONDITION OF MASONRY

You will find this year we report a decrease in membership, which under the prevailing conditions cannot be a matter for surprise or even anxiety. On the contrary, it would be a matter for wonder if Masonry were not affected by world conditions. As a yardstick to measure the prosperity and standing of our Fraternity, increase or decrease in membership does not present a true picture by itself. As a matter of fact, in our lodges we find a vital interest in the work and the tone of the entire membership was never better than at the present time. Speaking generally, lodge attendance has been exceptionally good. Masters and officers of lodges have bent their energies towards developing the educational and social side, where in the past they have been principally concerned with degree work. An active interest has been developed in the worth while things of Masonry, for whatever else Masonry is or is not, it must be first and last an institution of moral and spiritual power and influence.

I wish here to commend the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, under the chairmanship of R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey, for the very thorough and competent manner in which they have dealt with this phase of Masonry and for the fine response to the committee's suggestions, that have been given by the lodges in various parts of the jurisdiction. There has been a development of local talent and initiative in the lodges that has been surprisingly stimulating and has given a new impetus to the work and a spirit of confidence in the lodges themselves.

The presence and counsels of the Grand Secretary have been, at all times, of the most helpful nature to me, both in my visitations and in the work of the office. M. W. Bro. Kemmis exemplifies in large measure the finest qualities of Masonic service. His knowledge of matters pertaining to the Craft and to his office is of inestimable value to the Grand Master.

MASONRY A MORAL AND SPIRITUAL POWER

Masonry, we believe, is better understood and more favorably known for its moral worth and spiritual power today, than at any previous period of its history in Canada.

There was a time within the memory of some here, when a Minister of the Gospel, who had the temerity to join a Masonic lodge, lost caste with his ministerial brethren by so doing, and by some people at least, he was said to have lost his religion.

There are those, also, who are familiar with the fact that in the not too distant past, some Masons have been known to drink themselves drunk at a Masonic banquet. Masonry, today, in its social aspects, has discovered that it is not necessary to be even partially intoxicated in order to have a good time—so there is no place for the “bottle” on our banqueting table.

Again, there was a time when the one who could tell the nastiest story received the loudest applause as an after-dinner speaker. The great mystery of life is one of the great beauties of life, and reverence for the great “Her”, who was in every man’s boyhood, is not compatible with filthy jokes—so there is no room in Masonry for low humor or the questionable story.

MASONRY AND THE NEW SOCIAL ORDER

We are living in troublous times, in an age of profound change. We are witnessing the rise of a civilization, which is making of the entire world a single great society. The world is in the birth-pangs of this new social order. Change, upheaval, revolution and reconstruction are everywhere taking place. Civilization has broken through the hard crust of the customs of the ages and has struck out upon the open road. We are walking out of the shadows of the old and we are passing through the gates of the new, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be.

*“The spirit that moves upon the deep
Is moving in the minds of men,
The nations feel it in their sleep,
A change has touched their dreams again.”*

Old methods and systems have had their day, old lines have broken down, old plans have proven inadequate. Old party shibboleths no longer appeal to the heart of the people as they formerly did. The time has come for some new vision. Each generation must make its own visions and dream its own dreams. There are members in all our lodges who have not had a new spiritual vision for thirty years. We need a new vision of God. The only foundation for a new world is a new acknowledgement and a new apprehension of the Great Architect of the Universe. We are suffering from a semi-paganized conception of Deity, and a religious terminology which has lost its meaning for the modern mind. We need a new vision of Man, a new vision of human relations, a new interpretation of religion—religion interpreted in terms of every-day human life. A new conception of patriotism is needed—a sovereign, world-minded patriotism. New social alignments also are needed, and new forms of co-operation.

*“New occasions teach new duties,
Time makes ancient good uncouth,
They must upward still and onward,
Who would keep abreast of truth.”*

DEPRESSION AND ITS CONCOMITANTS

It is said that the intellectual function of trouble is to lead men to think. John Dewy, in his "Philosophy of Civilizations" says, "The depression is a small price to pay if it induces us to think about the cause of disorder, confusion, and insecurity, which are the outstanding traits of our social life. If we do not go back to their cause, Mankind will continue to pass through these depressions, for they are the graphic record of our *unplanned* social life."

This is only another way for saying that if we are to have a better social and economic order, we cannot hope to muddle our way through into the new state; neither are we going to bring it about by shooting and looting and murdering and trampling on the God-given rights and liberty of the individual man.

We must think, and think, and plan, and consider, and watch, and wait, and work, and study, and co-operate, and pray and sacrifice for the common good. We must have the intelligence and the courage to place the human problem before material gain and to base the new order on the public weal, rather than on private profit—in other words, to establish our economic and social life on the brotherly basis.

Already we live in an economy which, in its function, is fundamentally co-operative—the man who would live unto himself alone is now a public enemy—the day of individualism in the economic sphere is gone.

CAPITALISM, SOCIALISM AND THE RUSSIAN PLAN

Our present economic system, known as Capitalism, and in existence for four hundred years, is not by any means wholly wrong. But it has outgrown its greatest usefulness in its present form. If, however, we could change our present system over night for the socialistic system that so many are clamoring for, there is not a ghost of a chance that it would be wholly right, or that it would cure existing ills, or solve our economic troubles.

We are not going to bring about a better world order, either social or economic, by a sudden cataclysmic revolutionary process, but rather by the gradual, considerate method involved in an evolutionary process. Russia tried the short, blood-shedding revolutionary plan—Will anyone say she has made a success of it? The Russian system today is an ironclad, cut-and-dried, strait-jacket affair, that has cost millions of lives, smothered initiative, enslaved the people, destroyed the home, thrown God overboard, derided and discarded religion, and, in itself, is more autocratic than the regime it has supplanted. Stalin has out-czared the Czar. In spite of the production of more wheat and the manufacture of more goods, under the Five Year Plan, the rule of the Bolshevik has become a greater menace to human happiness and freedom than the rule of the Romanoffs, bad as it was. We may learn something from Russia, but we will have to look elsewhere for the solution of the social and economic ills of the world.

Historic Capitalism, too, it is said, with its deification of the principle of selfishness, its reliance upon the forces of competition, its placing of property above human rights, and its exaltation of the profit motive, will either have to be replaced altogether, or so radically changed in form and spirit that its identity will be completely lost.

GETTING AT THE CAUSE IN ORDER TO FIND THE REMEDY

To this end, we must no longer be satisfied to give a dime to a beggar on the street, or to shut him up in jail. We must go back into his history and ask what made this man a pauper, what in his ancestry, in his physical defects, in his lack of education, in his evil environment, what in his sickness? It is not enough to treat symptoms. We must deal with disease and its cause and prevention.

"The good Samaritan," says Fort Newton, "did not remove the cause of misery, he helped to heal. He could not do it alone." Hence the necessity of an organized Fraternity, that we may clean out the den of thieves and make the highways of the world safe for all who travel on lawful avocations. "It is easier," he says, "to help a man when he is down, then to give a square deal to one who is in the race with us for the prizes of life." Philanthropy is one thing, justice is another. In times of dire need men want charity, justice they want all the time—we must not make a footstool of someone's body to reach our goal. The true order is to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly before God.

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS

It is plain that the world our boys died to save is not saved yet. There are still "wars and rumors of wars." Can it be that we failed because we did not have the courage to put the principles of the Prince of Peace into practice? Can it be that we tried to make a good world without the fear of a good God? We do not need to belittle the achievements of the past, by which the nations were saved in a great crisis; but we are facing a new world and a new crisis. Surely there is a better way of settling international disputes than by recourse to murderous weapons. Masonry must do its part in generating the will to peace and in creating a new atmosphere and understanding in all our international relations.

MASONRY A STABILIZING FORCE

Masonry is an organized brotherhood, and this means, if it means anything, that we can do together what we could never do alone. It means a frank and unafraid co-operation between individual lodges, between Grand Jurisdictions and between what may be termed the national and racial Masonic groups of the world. And let me say also, that when the whole world is being shaken, as it is at the present time, shaken to its very centre, may Masonry not well be one of those strong, steady, stabilizing forces helping to steer the ship of human progress and brotherhood out of the turbulent waters of our social and economic life into the peaceful harbor of social justice, national righteousness and world unity.

UNIVERSAL PEACE AND GOODWILL

Hans Christian Anderson, in the fairy tale of "The Bell," has pictured the desire that lives both in the king's son and in the poor boy, to follow the clang of the wonderful bell, which is heard in every human being who is seeking truth and which leads them, by different roads it may be, to the open sea of existence.

We all hear, in this fraternal partnership of Masonry, the clang of a wonderful bell, which draws us towards a new day, a time when human emancipation, international brotherhood and universal peace

and goodwill shall no longer be a dream or an unfulfilled vision, but a glorious reality in the lives and conduct of men and nations.

*"To be alive in such an age
With every year a lightning page
Turned in the world's great wonder-book
Whereon the leaning nations look;
Where men speak strong for brotherhood,
For peace and universal good;
When miracles are everywhere,
And every inch of common air
Throbs a tremendous prophecy
Of greater miracles yet to be.
Oh, thrilling age! Oh, willing age!
When steel and stone and rail and rod
Welcome the utterance of God,
A trumpet shout His wonder through,
Proclaiming all that Man can do."*

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE W. KERBY,

Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), seconded by M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), "That the Grand Master's Address as presented be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

Calgary, June 8, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Once again your Committee on Fraternal Dead have the privilege of making their report as to the passing over during the past twelve months into the nearer presence of the Great Architect of the Universe of one hundred and nineteen members of our Grand Jurisdiction. Year by year finds each lodge mourning the loss of well known and beloved brethren, but as each member of the Craft lives his Masonic life to the fullest extent, so is every lodge and this Grand Jurisdiction the richer in happy memories of unstinted service in the Great Brotherhood of Masonry and the passing on of a well-skilled Craftsman is an inspiration to those who remain to continue to measure up to the standard of building which has been set by our departed brethren.

We are mentioning by name five of our brethren who have left our ranks during this past year, who represent in themselves the rest of their brethren. When the most we can give is the least that we can give, far be it from any of us to make distinguishing marks regarding a Mason, but in specially mentioning these few members, have in

your minds the names of those whom you have known more intimately and bear their memories proudly in your hearts.

*"He is not dead, this friend; not dead,
But, in the path we mortals tread,
Got some few, trifling steps ahead,
And nearer to the end,
So that you, too, once past the bend,
Shall meet again, as face to face, this friend
You fancy dead."*

R. W. Bro. John Gillespie, of Bow River Lodge, No. 1, served as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1 in 1920. For a number of years he was an active member of the Committee on Benevolence of Grand Lodge and Chairman of this committee for the past four years. His presence at our Annual Communications will be greatly missed.

R. W. Bro. Wilfred C. Marsh, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 66. This brother, who was Rector of three or four parishes during his residence in Alberta, was an active member and much in demand as a speaker at Masonic gatherings. He was Grand Chaplain in 1924. He removed to Devil's Lake, North Dakota, where he was in charge of a large parish and, as Ven. Archdeacon of the church in North Dakota, occupied a prominent position. There, too, he maintained his Masonic connection and was frequently called upon to give Masonic addresses.

R. W. Bro. William Postill, of Red Deer Lodge, No. 12, and St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 66, served as District Deputy Grand Master in 1920. This brother was an old rancher in the district and an active supporter of the Masonic Fraternity up to the time of his retirement, through ill health.

Bro. Charles Ernest Long, of Jasper Park Lodge, No. 143, lost his life under tragic circumstances in a mine in the State of Washington, U.S.A. It appears that he, with another, made a trip of inspection into this mine. Bro. Long had provided himself with a gas mask, which the other party had neglected to do. On encountering the gas, his companion was succumbing to the effects when Bro. Long insisted on his taking the gas mask while he returned for help. On the way out Bro. Long was overcome by the gas and died as a consequence, while his companion was rescued and recovered. Undoubtedly this brother sacrificed his life for another.

R. W. Bro. Robert Roe Macleod died on January 27th of this year at Fort McMurray. This brother affiliated with North Star Lodge, No. 4, in 1911, from Indian Head Lodge, No. 5, Saskatchewan, afterwards becoming a charter member of Spirit River Lodge, No. 116, of which he may be said to have been the founder, and later became District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District No. 13. The passing of this brother was noted with deep regret by many brethren throughout the province. Although no lodge exists at Fort McMurray, yet Bro. G. B. H. Rocke arranged with six other brethren there to perform the last sad rites of Masonry at his graveside.

When Masonry can point to men of this type and calibre among her ranks, the world is indeed the richer for their presence. Their contribution in various ways to the public life of our community can never be adequately measured.

To all our departed brethren be given all honor; may they rest in peace and their good works follow them. Our deepest sympathies go out to the families of our brethren who have passed on; may they have as a consolation in their sorrow the knowledge that their dear ones have left behind them a sweet and fragrant memory of honor and well-doing that will be long remembered by all who knew them.

Our sister jurisdictions mourn the loss of thirty-three distinguished brethren during the past year, and our sincere sympathy is extended to each Grand Lodge and through them to the lodges and immediate relatives of our departed brethren.

*"And his good instruments he tends with care,
Lest aught their future usefulness impair,
As Master-craftsman his choice tools doth tend,
Respecting each one as a trusty friend,
Cleans them, and polishes, and puts away,
For his good usage at some future day;
So He unto Himself has taken these,
Not to their loss but to their vast increase,
To us—the loss, the emptiness, the pain;
But unto them—all high eternal gain."*

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. WHITE,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. G. White (88), seconded by M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of Grand Lodge assured to affected lodges and Grand Lodges."

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86), "That the District Deputy Grand Masters be requested to present short summaries of their reports, which shall be printed in full in the Annual Proceedings."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:30 p.m.

First Day = = *Afternoon Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, May 27, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 1, during the past Masonic year.

During my term of office, I have visited all the lodges in my district at least once officially and most of them two or more times. It gives me pleasure to report upon the healthy condition of the Craft of this district. The continued prosperity of our lodges during the present economic crisis is a matter for congratulation, for instead of permitting the current feeling of depression to permeate the lodge, they have used the time formerly devoted to degree work to social and educational work. This has resulted in more intimate relations between our members and a realization of our responsibility for the welfare of our brethren.

The degree and ritualistic work is well done and the main point stressed on my visits was to make it impressive. First impressions are usually lasting ones, for while we may forget the words with the passing years, we will always recall the feelings aroused by the ceremony. Comparisons are always odious and I am not making any in connection with the degree work, as exemplified by the various lodges, but I would be remiss if I did not mention Cascade Lodge, No. 5, who, without a candidate for two terms, exemplified the third degree in a manner that can only be described as "Excellent."

In general the business of the lodges was conducted with efficiency and dispatch. There appears to be a direct relation between the efficiency of a lodge and its officers and the attendance of the members. Punctuality in opening and promptness in closing are important factors in maintaining attendance and interest. In this connection Grand

Lodge might well give consideration to the suggestion that lodges be permitted to conduct business in the first degree.

During the past year the Committee on Education and Research sent out some excellent suggestions and these were adopted by a majority of the lodges in this district with splendid results for the membership. Lodges were encouraged to use their own members to prepare addresses. In this way they were performing one most important of Masonic duties—the development of the individual.

The past year witnessed several functions which serve to remind us of the passage of time. Strathmore Lodge, No. 53, celebrated their twenty-first anniversary, while Calgary Lodge, No. 23, and Ashlar, No. 28, marked their twenty-fifth milestone with appropriate meetings. Another notable event was the special communication held by King George Lodge, No. 59, to witness the "Burning of the Mortgage." Their property is now free of debt. This has been a wonderful piece of co-operative effort.

Not only within the lodges does the spirit of co-operation prevail, but also as between the different lodges. A splendid example of this occurred last winter. Matters dealing with the operation of the Masonic Temple were up for discussion in the various lodges and could easily have developed into an awkward situation, but the spirit of co-operation prevailed. By a coincidence I was officially visiting the lodges concerned at the time this discussion took place and had an excellent opportunity of observing the fraternal feeling displayed.

Harmony prevails in all lodges in this district with the possible exception of one. Reports and rumors of dissension came to me and on my second visit I took the opportunity of discussing the question in "open lodge" with them. I was assured by the brethren that no real trouble existed and I trust that the future will prove this statement to be correct, but the cause of the friction is beyond our control.

The District Meeting was held in Calgary on Saturday, November 28th, and was well attended. We were privileged to have with us on that occasion the M. W. the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge officers, present and past. The addresses of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby and R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, D.G.M., were much appreciated by the brethren. W. Bro. Allan Hargreaves of Perfection Lodge, No. 9, had the unique honor of being elected by acclamation for the office of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year.

Early in the Masonic year I received a letter from the M. W. the Grand Master, outlining some of the topics which he wished brought to the attention of the lodges. This I had pleasure in doing. In January of this year I sent a letter to all lodges asking that three of the questions be further discussed and that the feeling of the lodge on these questions be communicated to me. There is marked similarity in the answers received and the following are typical:

1. The advisability of wearing regalia in public (subject to certain restrictions and conditions).

"The feeling of the lodge was opposed to the wearing of regalia in public or on parade except at funerals, laying of corner stones or similar occasions."

2. Are "Special Nights" a benefit to your lodge?

"This lodge has always held a number of special nights each year and we believe that they are of great benefit to our lodge in

stimulating interest in the meetings and increasing the attendance of the members."

3. Should each lodge have a "Special Objective" or "Major Activity" each year?

"This lodge is in favor of a special objective or major activity providing same is within the teachings of the Masonry as practiced in our Masonic lodges."

"The discussion occasioned by the questions submitted was beneficial to the membership of our lodge and created a very desirable interest."

In conclusion, I wish to tender my personal thanks and appreciation for the high honor conferred on me in my election to this important position and also for the many courtesies extended to me throughout my term. It has been impossible for me, on account of my health and public duties, to devote as much time to the office as it deserved. This I regret.

I wish also to express my thanks and appreciation to W. Bro. Broughton of King George Lodge, No. 59, for his untiring assistance as District Secretary.

Faternally submitted,

JOSEPH H. ROSS,

D.D.G.M., District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Medicine Hat, April 26, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M:

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of my visits to the various lodges in Masonic District No. 2, and the condition of Masonry as I have found it during my term of office.

I am pleased to be able to report that before the close of my tenure of office, I shall have visited all the lodges in the district twice, my final visit being to Bow Island on May 17th.

In reviewing the statistical return hereon, we find that on January 1, 1931, there were 771 members and as at December 27, 1931, there were 753, showing a net decrease of 18 members, made up as follows:

<i>Decrease:</i>	Deaths, 10; Suspensions N.P.D., 21; Dimits 14; Total..	45
<i>Increase:</i>	Initiations, 15; Affiliations, 12; Total.....	27
	Net Decrease.....	18

Finance:

The assets of the lodges in the district amount to	\$29,858.89
The liabilities amount to	4,038.27
Showing assets over all liabilities	\$25,820.62
Insurance in force	\$16,050.00

Relief: Worthy of note is the amount expended in benevolent work during the year. Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2—\$914.80, Brooks Lodge, No. 73—\$302.50, are outstanding examples.

Attendance: The average attendance at the meetings in this district is very gratifying.

Prospects: The prospects are bright for the future, despite the economic conditions existing; only two lodges in the district did not have degree work during the year.

The following are reports in brief of my various visits to lodges:

July 22, 1931.—My first official visit was to Lucerne Lodge at Vauxhall, when I assisted R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock constitute and consecrate the lodge. There were a large number of brethren from Medicine Hat, Taber and Lethbridge present. The officers and members showed good proficiency in the work of conducting a lodge and they are optimistic and energetic so that I have no fear for the future of Lucerne Lodge, No. 159.

September 1, 1931.—I next paid an official visit to Quarry Lodge, No. 70, at Redcliff, and had the pleasure of the company of a large number of brethren from Medicine Hat. There was no degree work, but a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent in discussion of the work and what should be the general activities of the lodge for the benefit of the community and Masonry in general.

September 10, 1931.—In company with R. W. Bro. Blackstock and many brethren from Medicine Hat, I paid an official visit to Grassy Lake Lodge, No. 57, at Grassy Lake, there being several members from Bow Island present. There was no degree work, but a very entertaining and practical address was delivered by R. W. Bro. Blackstock on the subject: "The Evolution of Ideas Instead of by Revolution." The officers are competent and the lodge, while weak financially, is able to carry on.

September 15, 1931.—A large number of brethren from Medicine Hat accompanied me to Bow Island, where I visited the lodge officially. There were a good number of members present from Grassy Lake Lodge. I found the officers alert and the lodge in fair condition financially. V. W. Bro. R. Calder, G.S., accompanied me on this visit.

October 20, 1931.—I visited Brooks Lodge, No. 73, where we had a splendid meeting. The degree work was well exemplified, they have a splendid set of officers and the lodge is in a fine condition.

November 11, 1931.—I visited Bassano Lodge, No. 55, at Bassano. While there was no work, we had a splendid meeting. The lodge is in good financial condition and well officered.

February 9, 1932.—I visited Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, the oldest and strongest lodge in the district. The books were in very good condition, the officers are very proficient and the lodge is doing an excellent benevolent work and are fully awake to the idea of being of some practical use to the community, both individually and collectively.

February 11, 1932.—I again visited Grassy Lake Lodge, No. 57, but there was no work.

February 16, 1932.—I visited Mizpah Lodge, No. 35, at Medicine Hat. This also is a splendid lodge, well officered and very efficient

in degree work and they are in first-class condition. Both Medicine Hat lodges are instituting an educational programme by receiving questions pertaining to Masonry and having them answered, the benefit from which will be very great and will, I believe, be very interesting and should have the tendency of developing talent among those who usually have nothing to say in lodge. I have visited both lodges many times unofficially during the year.

March 1, 1932.—I made a second visit to Lucerne Lodge, No. 159, at Vauxhall, and witnessed degree work which was well exemplified. This baby lodge of the district is prospering and they have a good lodge room.

April 5, 1932.—I again visited Quarry Lodge, No. 70, at Redcliff, and their degree work was well done. They have a good lodge room, are in an excellent financial condition, are well officered and are progressive.

April 12, 1932.—I again visited Bassano Lodge, No. 55. There was no degree work, but their officers are capable. R. W. Bro. Blackstock, who accompanied me, spoke to the meeting on "The Responsibility of a Mason; to Himself and His Country," which was well received.

April 19, 1932.—I visited Brooks Lodge, No. 73, for the second time, being accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams. This is one of the best lodges in the district, being in a good financial condition and well officered. They gave a splendid exemplification of the first degree and are fully alive to their duty regarding benevolence.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Medicine Hat on October 14, 1931, and was one of the most enthusiastic ever held. An invitation having been sent to the lodges at Havre, Montana, there were a large number of brethren present from our Sister Grand Jurisdiction, included in their number being Grand Lodge officers in the persons of the Grand Master of Montana, M. W. Bro. J. M. Charters, and the Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. J. R. Lloyd.

The afternoon session was opened by Brooks Lodge, No. 73, at 2:30 o'clock and after I had been received, the following Grand Lodge officers were introduced and received with Grand Honors: M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, Grand Master; M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, D.G.M.; together with the Grand Lodge officers from Montana referred to above. The Masonic Hall having been remodelled, this meeting took the form of a formal reopening and rededication ceremony. The M. W. Grand Master addressed the meeting during this session, dividing his talk into three parts, under the following headings: Consolidate, Investigate and Translate. This address was most instructive and was much enjoyed by all.

The election of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year resulted in W. Bro. F. Y. Archibald, of Brooks Lodge, being selected, and Medicine Hat was chosen as the place of meeting for the year 1932. R. W. Bro. W. Raisbeck, P.D.D.G.M., was then presented with a P.D.D.G.M. Jewel on behalf of the members of District No. 2, by R. W. Bro. D. Macadam. The meeting was closed by Lucerne Lodge, No. 159.

The evening session took the form of a banquet in the lodge rooms, at which over 200 were present and a splendid programme, inter-

spersed with addresses by the Grand Lodge officers, culminated this splendid meeting.

In closing, I wish to thank the lodges in the district for their kindly reception and the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to this high office. I shall always remember with gratification the splendid manner in which I have been received on my official visits.

I find the books in all lodges well kept and in most cases also the Historical Registers, but some are lacking in the record of special and social events. I have tried to induce the Registrar to make, what we may call a running story of all lodge events in their community. There is a large amount of outstanding dues in the district, but in my opinion there is nothing to worry about, as after the depression lifts, this matter will right itself. A generous benevolent fund is now proving helpful in keeping some of those more unfortunate in good standing.

The spirit of Masonry in this district is of the very best. There is a strong tendency to live more in the present and plan for the future, instead of studying the pages of our traditional history. While education in Masonic subjects is of very great importance, when all is said and done, our lives are being lived now and what good can be done to the living will carry us much further than any worship of ancestry. Our responsibility is in the present and not in the past.

I wish to thank R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams, who has acted as Secretary for me in a most efficient manner and I wish to say that any measure of success I have had has been largely due to his efforts, his knowledge of procedure and customs, and the wonderful assistance I have received from all the members of the district.

Fraternally submitted,

S. T. FAWCETT,

D.D.G.M., District No. 2;

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 12, 1932:

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report regarding District No. 3 for the year 1931.

While I was a little reluctant about accepting this position, M. W. Sir, I have been encouraged by your own genial personality and ably assisted by hearty co-operation and a real Masonic spirit in District No. 3.

At your request, M. W. Sir, I invested W. Bro. Malloch, of Meridian Lodge, No. 129, as Grand Steward, on July 8, 1931. On September 2nd, Unity Lodge had the distinction of holding the first regular meeting in the new Masonic Temple and, acting on your further instructions, I had the pleasure of investing one of our most active Past

Masters, W. Bro. G. E. Blake, as Grand Director of Ceremonies. 1931 will go down in Edmonton's Masonic history as an outstanding year, for not only was our new Temple opened but it was dedicated by M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden and his Grand Lodge officers at the Annual Communication. Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, as the oldest lodge in this district, opened the lodge on this occasion with W. Bro. C. E. Haslop in the chair, and Ivanhoe, the youngest lodge, under W. Bro. J. Madill, closed the proceedings.

On October 6th, Unity Lodge celebrated its 21st Anniversary. The lodge was opened by W. Bro. Jas. Chorley, W.M., who then turned the gavel over to R. W. Bro. D. McIntosh, the first Master of the lodge. R. W. Bro. McIntosh holds a unique record of having installed the officers of Unity Lodge every year since he was in the chair in 1910-11. On this occasion we were favored with an address by the M. W. the Grand Master, who attended with other Grand Lodge officers.

DISTRICT MEETING

Districts No. 3, 10 and 12 held a joint meeting at the new Masonic Temple at Edmonton on November 14th, and in spite of a severe snow storm the attendance was good.

We were treated to inspiring addresses by M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, D.G.M. At the election of D.D.G.M. for District No. 3, W. Bro. A. E. Wynne, of Wetaskiwin, was chosen as my successor, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

OFFICIAL VISITS

I have visited every lodge officially in District No. 3 and lodges near at hand several times. R. W. Bro. F. F. W. Lowle has been an efficient and willing source of help and W. Bros. Booth, Vanderburg, McIntosh, Summerill, Chorley, Terry, Mason and V. W. Bro. Blake and others have accompanied me on different occasions. My official visits were as follows:

Edmonton, No. 7.....	Oct. 27, 1931
Wetaskiwin, No. 15.....	Nov. 19, 1931
Star of the West, No. 34.....	Aug. 4, 1931
Unity, No. 51.....	Sept. 15, 1931
Edson, No. 68.....	Sept. 17, 1931
Tawatinaw, No. 71.....	Nov. 4, 1931
Commercial, No. 81.....	Feb. 11, 1932
Meridian, No. 129.....	Nov. 11, 1931
Jasper Park, No. 143.....	Jan. 13, 1932
St. Alban's, No. 145.....	Oct. 28, 1931
Waskatenau, No. 154.....	Oct. 7, 1931

The city lodges, Edmonton, No. 7, Unity, No. 51, and Commercial, No. 81, all strong supporters of the new Masonic Temple, are working under favorable conditions. Their work is excellent and their books and records are in fine shape. They all have the beginning of a library, which I hope some day to see combined in one big library at the Central Masonic Temple.

The country lodges are all working under difficulties to a certain extent, owing to present conditions. Collections are slow and there are not many men of the right material coming forward. Edson seems to be the one exception where there has been considerable degree work.

Their officers have given me the best of co-operation and the Secretary, W. Bro. Glover, is to be commended on his books and records.

Two of the lodges, Star of the West and Tawatinaw, have been neglecting their Historical Registers, but they have promised to bring them up to date.

Waskatenau has a membership of but fourteen and I must commend these brethren who have the courage to carry on. I have no desire to criticise any past Grand Lodge officers, nor do I wish to deprive any brother of Masonic associations, but it would seem to me extremely inadvisable to grant any charters in small centers, where the possibilities of good material are very limited.

Members of Tawatinaw and St. Alban's travel long distances to attend lodge, Bro. Hall of St. Alban's having a journey of eighty miles and is a regular attendant. Star of the West and Meridian have been short of candidates and it speaks well for these lodges that many of their members also travel long distances to attend the meetings.

Jasper Park Lodge are prosperous and own their Temple. On April 14, 1932, they fittingly celebrated the 70th birthday of one of their distinguished Past Masters, W. Bro. S. M. Rodgers, whom I had the pleasure of meeting on my official visit.

Wetaskiwin, though short of candidates, are very active and have well equipped quarters. They are fortunate to have retained the constant attendance of many of their Past Masters.

On January 5, 1932, I visited Star of the West Lodge, when on behalf of the Leduc brethren R. W. Bro. S. T. Hubbard presented R. W. Bro. W. J. Craigen with a life membership. This was a surprise to the recipient, but he responded nobly.

In visiting the country lodges it is a pleasure to see the splendid type of men who comprise the membership. They are the best citizens and by their hearty co-operation with the D.D.G.M. show their loyalty to Grand Lodge. While they are all anxious to carry on the lodge work as it should be, they are not unmindful of the social side and I have many pleasant recollections of their kindness and hospitality.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of District No. 3 for having honored me with this office. This district seems to be blessed with many real Masonic brethren and their co-operation has strengthened my belief in the good of Masonry. I would ask that the same courtesy be extended to my successor, W. Bro. Wynne.

Sometimes it would seem advisable if the Grand Lodge officers were elected for at least five years, because there are many things one would like to do which cannot be completed in one year. I also think it advisable, where possible, to have an experienced Past Master as Secretary of each lodge.

The most important question is a careful selection in the candidates we accept. We go to great expense in building beautiful Temples, but how much more important it is to select the human element carefully so that future generations will have an Order of which they will be proud to be a member. I have tried to impress this on the different lodges and I hope my efforts have not been in vain.

As your representative, M. W. Sir, I have been received with courtesy and kindness and I can assure you that your name and personality are an inspiration to Masonry in District No. 3.

Fraternally submitted,

R. G. THOMSON,

D.D.G.M., District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Ponoka, May 19, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of the Fourth Masonic District.

Before vacating office I wish to thank the brethren of this district for conferring this honor upon me.

I have found splendid harmony in all the lodges and I think it can be said, in view of the conditions in the province at the present time, that with the exception of Crossfield the lodges are in a good financial position and that the outstanding dues are not excessive. Crossfield Lodge has not been functioning as smoothly as could be wished for, but since visiting them I do not anticipate any further trouble. A great deal of credit is due to W. Bro. Laut, who has taken over the Secretaryship, is getting the books and the business of the lodge straightened out and is meeting with very good success in the collection of dues.

A perusal of the Statistical Report will show that there have been quite a number of suspensions for N.P.D., but again, considering the present economic situation, I do not think they are excessive. Furthermore, I believe it to be in the best interests of the Craft and of the individual concerned, that suspension should take place before arrears of dues are allowed to accumulate to a large amount.

At most of my visits I have had the pleasure of seeing one or other of the degrees given and, without exception, they were well done, the officers generally showing a keen interest in the work. Also, as requested by yourself, several of the lodges had short addresses on Masonic subjects by a member of their lodge.

I had the honor to attend the 25th Anniversary of Kenilworth Lodge, No. 29, Red Deer, on March 30th. After the business had been conducted and the lodge closed, a social evening was spent at which about a hundred brethren greatly enjoyed themselves.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Innisfail, on November 18, 1931. In addition to the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, P.G.M., Custodian of the Work, and M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, P.G.M., were present. Very interesting reports were received from representatives of the different lodges in the district and a particularly fine address was delivered by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Kerby, as well as addresses from the other Grand Lodge officers. W. Bro. Bookless, of Bowden Lodge, No. 42, was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and Didsbury was selected as the place for the 1932 District Meeting.

The meeting went from Labor to Refreshment at 6:10 p.m. and the company sat down to a delicious supper, served by the ladies of Innisfail Eastern Star.

During the evening session R. W. Bro. D. F. Chisholm, P.D.D.G.M., was presented with a set of regalia, the presentation being made by

the M. W. Grand Master in a short, humorous speech, the recipient replying in appropriate terms. Other addresses were given by Grand Lodge officers and a very splendid meeting was closed in harmony at 9:45 p.m.

The following are the dates on which I made my official visits to the various lodges:

Eureka No. 10, Lacombe.....	Oct. 7, 1931
King Hiram No. 21, Didsbury.....	Oct. 13, 1931
Innisfail No. 8, Innisfail.....	Oct. 15, 1931
Kenilworth No. 29, Red Deer.....	Nov. 3, 1931
Red Deer No. 12, Red Deer.....	Nov. 10, 1931
Mountain View No. 16, Olds.....	Dec. 7, 1931
Lochearn No. 151, Rocky Mt. House.....	Dec. 15, 1931
Carstairs No. 20, Carstairs.....	Mar. 10, 1932
Kitchener No. 95, Rimbey.....	April 15, 1932
Bowden No. 42, Bowden.....	April 19, 1932
Britannia No. 18, Ponoka.....	May 5, 1932
Crossfield No. 48, Crossfield.....	May 17, 1932

As already stated, I am deeply conscious of the honor I have received at the hands of my brethren in this district, and furthermore, I would like to say that, although at times the work has been arduous enough, the cordial welcome I have received more than made up for any little discomforts I may have suffered, and will be a pleasant memory to me for the rest of my life. I bespeak for my successor the same measure of brotherly love that has been shown me.

In conclusion, I should like to thank those brethren of my own lodge who have accompanied me on my visits throughout the district and also W. Bro. McWilliam for his services as District Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR SAYERS,

D.D.G.M., District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Alliance, May 3, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I take pleasure in submitting herewith, for your approval, a statement of the condition of Masonry as I have found it in the Fifth Masonic District during the past twelve months.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held in the United Church, Alliance, on Wednesday, October 7, 1931. While the attendance was less than usual, the sessions were none the less enthusiastic and proved a source of inspiration and encouragement to all.

The afternoon session was opened at 2:30 by the officers of Camrose Lodge No. 37, with W. Bro. Holloway in the East. The D.D.G.M.

was received with Grand Honors and assumed the gavel. M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, P.G.M., Custodian of the Work, and M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, P.G.M., of Red Deer, were then received with Grand Honors, while other past Grand Officers and visitors were received and welcomed in due form. An address of welcome was extended to all Masonic visitors to Alliance by the Mayor, Bro. J. D. Hall, which was briefly responded to by the Grand Master.

Reports from the lodges in District No. 5 were presented by the Masters or representatives, most of which were of a very favorable nature, considering the difficult and trying times through which we are passing. Several lodges reported large amounts of dues in arrears but none reported lack of interest or fear for the continued successful work of their lodges.

It was a source of great satisfaction to have present on this occasion M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Custodian of the Work, who answered the many questions presented to the enlightenment of the whole district. He also briefly addressed the meeting on matters of general interest to the Craft, particularly with reference to the Benevolent Fund.

A banquet was provided at 6:00 p.m. by the Ladies' Aid of the United Church, in the Elks' Hall, followed by a program of vocal selections and addresses, which were greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The evening session opened at 8:30 o'clock when the brethren proceeded to elect the D.D.G.M. for the 1932-33 term. W. Bro. N. A. Houghton, of Melrose Lodge No. 139, Daysland, was elected and Daysland was chosen as the place where the 1932 meeting would be held. M. W. Bro. Kerby, Grand Master, addressed the brethren in his usual masterly style, and delighted and impressed all present with his words of wit, wisdom and inspiration. Short addresses were given by M. W. Bro. Kemmis on the work of the Grand Secretary's office and by M. W. Bro. Botterill, who pointed out that great opportunities were open at that time for helping our brethren in less favored parts of this Grand Jurisdiction from our abundant store of garden and farm produce. The D.D.G.M. stated that this work was already being dealt with throughout the district under other auspices and was receiving wholehearted support from Masonic brethren.

VISITATIONS

During my term of office I have attended eleven meetings of my own lodge and have officially visited each lodge in the district at least once. I have driven by car 1,225 miles in carrying out these duties. I wish to thank the brethren of this district for the hearty and friendly welcome accorded me on every visit. I was particularly pleased and encouraged to find so many visitors present almost everywhere I went, not only from this and adjoining districts, but also many brethren from other Grand Jurisdictions. I also wish to express my appreciation to the many brethren, both from my own lodge and other lodges in the district, who made it a point to be present or to accompany me on many of the long trips. The kindly interest and support of R. W. Bro. A. I. Millar was greatly appreciated.

Following are the dates of my official visits:

Alliance Lodge No. 135	Sept. 2, 1931
Forestburg Lodge No. 128	Sept. 23, 1931
Melrose Lodge No. 139	Sept. 8, 1931

Camrose Lodge No. 37.....	Sept. 10, 1931
Provost Lodge No. 61.....	Oct. 21, 1931
Efficiency Lodge No. 141.....	Nov. 2, 1931
Comet Lodge No. 50.....	Nov. 12, 1931
Coal Lodge No. 62.....	Nov. 19, 1931
Harmony Lodge No. 75.....	Nov. 23, 1931
Morning Star Lodge No. 79.....	Mar. 17, 1932
Tuscan Lodge No. 43.....	April 6, 1932
Excelsior Lodge No. 80.....	April 13, 1932

FINANCES AND ARREARS

The general financial situation of the district is satisfactory, in spite of present economic conditions, and all lodges have funds on hand sufficient to carry them well through the present year. The arrears of dues, I consider, are very heavy, being equal to \$8.30 for each registered member in the district. I have urged each lodge to take steps to improve this situation by appointing a special committee to interview each delinquent member, also to deal with every case on its own merits before following out the requirements of the Constitution re suspension. Brethren who are in financial difficulties at present appreciate such a display of sincere Masonic interest and good results are being achieved.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

The average attendance of resident membership throughout the district is about 50 per cent in the smaller lodges and considerably less in the larger ones. The increase in membership is made up of 8 initiations and 5 affiliations, while the decrease is made up of 13 dimits, 14 suspensions for N.P.D. and 4 deaths, resulting in a net loss of membership for the district of 18. All lodges are active but very little increase is looked for through initiations due to prevailing conditions. Of the total membership of 567 for the district, 211 are non-resident, many of whom are paying half-dues. The non-resident members are responsible for a great deal of the arrears of dues, even though the rates are very low.

EDUCATION

In response to the appeal from R. W. Bro. Chauncey, Chairman of the Committee on Research and Education, most of the lodges are carrying out quite a worthwhile program, mainly by addresses. In some lodges ample opportunity is given for discussion following an address. This has drawn many of the brethren into active participation, who usually take no part in the discussion of lodge affairs. I have stressed the need for continuance and extension of this line of work.

HISTORICAL REGISTERS

In most lodges throughout this district the Historical Register is sadly neglected. In some lodges no pretense whatever is made to keep it posted up and the book is never opened except on the occasion of an official visit from the D.D.G.M., when promises are made to bring it up to date, but the promises are forgotten immediately. Many officers question the need for such a book. Some lodges have it well written up and fully appreciate its worth when they look back over its pages and read the early history of their lodge. I have urged that all lodges appoint a Registrar and keep the same brother in that office, who will make it his principal duty to care for this book.

GENERAL

I have witnessed degree work in most of the lodges throughout the district. In some lodges regular candidates received the degrees, while in others the work was simply exemplified. In some lodges a very high standard is maintained and the work is carried out to perfection, while in some others improvements would be desirable. In all lodges the books are well kept, with the exception of the Historical Register as mentioned above, and the officers are active and are fully aware of the difficulties before them and are facing them always with the best interest of the Craft in mind and the welfare of the individual brother at heart. Everything considered, Masonry is in an excellent condition throughout this district.

APPRECIATION

In closing this report I wish to thank the brethren of the Fifth Masonic District for the high honor they conferred on me when they elected me to be their District Deputy Grand Master. It has been a wonderful experience and pleasure to me and I hope that I have succeeded in carrying out the duties of the office to the satisfaction of yourself, M. W. Sir, as well as to the satisfaction of the brethren, with whom I have been so closely associated during the past twelve months in this district.

Fraternally submitted,

N. B. ANDERSON,

D.D.G.M., District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

High River, May 5, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I beg to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of the Sixth Masonic District. In making this annual report I am pleased to state that although the depression is still with us, Masonic progress and the financial condition of the lodges in the district are very satisfactory. Although illness prevented me from visiting as much as I had planned, I was able to officially visit each lodge once, and I have visited some of the lodges two or three times unofficially.

I am pleased to state that in all the lodges, although there is a dearth of candidates, the Masters and officers are fully conversant with their duties and in the degrees exemplified have shown themselves fully capable in putting on the work, and generally are to be congratulated on their efficiency. The Secretaries are to be congratulated also, all the books appearing to be in good order and with one exception the Historical Registers are kept up to date.

The following official visits were made:

Joppa Lodge No. 40.....	Feb. 11, 1932
Cairo Lodge No. 32.....	Feb. 16, 1932
Cornerstone Lodge No. 19.....	Feb. 18, 1932
Nanton Lodge No. 17.....	Feb. 19, 1932
Stavely Lodge No. 33.....	Mar. 1, 1932
Corinthian Lodge No. 22.....	Mar. 15, 1932

DISTRICT MEETING

The Thirteenth Annual District Meeting was held at High River on October 21, 1931. The meeting was honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, and the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis. Addresses were given by the M. W. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Kemmis and Bro. The Rev. Knight from Nanton, which were very much enjoyed by the brethren. I am pleased to state the attendance constituted a record for the district. W. Bro. G. E. McKeage, of Nanton Lodge No. 17, was unanimously elected D.D.G.M. for 1932-33.

In conclusion, I wish to thank R. W. Bro. Stanley, our District Secretary, for his very able assistance in making the meeting a success. I also wish to thank W. Bro. Blair, of Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, for his valuable support and assistance on my visits to the lodges, also the Masters, officers and brethren of the different lodges for their hearty support and reception accorded me on my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. DOBSON,

D.D.G.M., District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lethbridge, May 16, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor, as your deputy, of submitting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District.

I wish first to sincerely thank the brethren of District No. 7 for electing me D.D.G.M. and the M. W. the Grand Master for confirming my election. It has been a great pleasure to serve as your deputy in this district and I also wish to thank the brethren who gave me their loyal support. I feel that my report would not be complete if I did not make special mention of the Past District Deputy, R. W. Bro. Robert Douglas, who accompanied me on all of my official visits, V. W. Bro. Robert Sang, who accompanied me on nine occasions, and also the District Secretary, Bro. T. H. Edmunds. If all your deputies are as fortunate as I in having a secretary as well qualified as Bro. Edmunds, they are to be congratulated.

I visited all the lodges in the district officially once, and all except two unofficially on several occasions. I was present at almost every lodge meeting held in Lethbridge during my term of office and always received a hearty welcome.

MANYBERRIES LODGE, No. 133

On August 26th I visited Manyberries Lodge and was accompanied by two P.D.D.G.M.'s and seven Past Masters. The meeting was rather late in opening owing to the O.E.S. holding their meeting in the same hall first, hence I did not have so much time with the brethren as I

would have liked. On this occasion I inspected a hall purchased by the O.E.S., which when certain alterations were made the lodge expected to occupy. On October 30th I granted this lodge permission to move their charter and equipment to these much more desirable quarters.

FOREMOST LODGE, No. 103

I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on September 2nd. The lodge is very active and the brethren give good support to the officers by their excellent attendance. It is in a good financial condition, the property is well insured and the books and Historical Register are kept up to date.

DORIC LODGE, No. 31

On September 8th I officially visited Doric Lodge at Taber and would have been accompanied by a number of the Lethbridge brethren had not inclement weather prevented them. This lodge is in excellent condition, owning their hall, which is a very pleasant and comfortable one. The officers and members are very active and the lodge can look forward to a bright future.

SHARON LODGE, No. 157

I officially visited this lodge on September 23rd and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Douglas, Bro. Edmunds and a number of the brethren from Lethbridge, Nobleford and Milk River. The Master and officers of this lodge are well up in their work and the Secretary has the books and Historical Register in splendid condition. On their regular meeting in July, I assisted R. W. Bro. Douglas in constituting this lodge and immediately after this ceremony I installed the W. Master and invested the officers, assisted by R. W. Bro. Douglas, after which a very pleasant social time was spent.

I have, however, to report that this lodge was very unfortunate on May 14th in losing their charter and regalia by fire, but the books and records were saved by the Secretary having them at his office. I am pleased to report that this loss was covered by insurance.

VERDIGRIS LODGE, No. 100

On September 24th I officially visited this lodge, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Douglas, V. W. Bro. Sang and several other brethren from Lethbridge. The first degree was conferred by the Master and officers in a very excellent manner. The books of the lodge are well kept and they have a very good balance in the bank. In November I again visited this lodge and assisted the Master and officers in conferring the third degree. I was accompanied on this occasion by several of the Lethbridge brethren. On December 30th I was again present and assisted V. W. Bro. Sang in their installation ceremony.

I visited officially the four lodges in the City of Lethbridge on the following dates:

Charity Lodge, No. 67.....	Oct.	10, 1931
Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39.....	Nov.	19, 1931
North Star Lodge, No. 4.....	Dec.	14, 1931
York Lodge, No. 119.....	Feb.	2, 1932

The Worshipful Masters and officers of these lodges are very active and progressive, being well supported by the members, and I am pleased to report an increased attendance as a consequence. The finances are good and the books and Historical Registers are well kept.

My official visit to York Lodge, No. 119, I wish to specially mention. On the request of the Master the first degree was conferred by Past Masters of the lodge, with W. Bro. N. T. Macleod in the chair. There were one Past Grand Master, fourteen P.D.D.G.M.'s and one hundred and ten brethren present and I wish at this time to thank them all for their co-operation on this unique occasion. After the ceremony a banquet was held at which M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton gave a very fine and inspiring address, which brought to a close an historical evening—the first Past D.D.G.M.'s Night in District No. 7.

On December 28th I installed and invested the officers of the four City lodges of Lethbridge and was assisted by R. W. Bro. Douglas and V. W. Bro. Sang. Lodge was opened and closed by Past Masters from the lodges and on the conclusion of the business a very pleasant social evening was spent.

DIAMOND CITY LODGE, No. 65

On March 3rd I officially visited this lodge. The officers and brethren are very active and the lodge is in a prosperous and thriving condition. I have attended all their regular meetings and am pleased to report that on each occasion I have heard discussions which have been most instructive and informative.

On June 24th I had the pleasure of installing and investing the Worshipful Master and officers and was assisted by R. W. Bros. Douglas, Fuller and Rogers with W. Bro. James. I wish to thank the officers and brethren of this lodge for the great assistance they have been to Sharon Lodge, No. 157.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual meeting of this district was held in the Masonic Hall, Lethbridge, on November 4, 1931. The meeting was opened at 3:00 o'clock by the officers of Diamond City Lodge, No. 65, and closed at the evening session by the officers of Sharon Lodge, No. 157.

The following Grand Lodge officers were present: M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, Grand Master; M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary; the D.D.G.M., V. W. Bros. A. Sheritt, Robert Patterson and M. J. Rogers, Grand Stewards, and were accorded the usual Grand Honors. A wire was received and read from R. W. Bro. Blackstock, D.G.M., of Medicine Hat, regretting his inability to be present. I wish to report that for the first time all the lodges except one were represented by their Worshipful Masters, which shows very conclusively that Masonry is active in District No. 7. The meeting was very enjoyable in every respect. The discussions were most interesting and covered all points of view. I wish at this time to thank you, M. W. Sir., for your very timely and interesting address, which is still remembered by the brethren who were fortunate in being present on that occasion.

At the evening session, W. Bro. John Henry James of Diamond City Lodge, No. 65, was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and it was decided to hold the next District Meeting at Lethbridge. R. W. Bro. Robert Douglas was presented with P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Before closing my report, M. W. Sir, I have a recommendation to make for your consideration, which I believe will be for the betterment of the lodge concerned, viz., that Manyberries Lodge, No. 133, should be transferred from District No. 7 to District No. 2, as owing

to the distance of the location of this lodge from the majority of the other lodges in the district there is very little exchange of fraternal visits, which is most essential for the life of a lodge.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 7 for the honor they conferred on me in electing me their D.D.G.M. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to serve them in this capacity, which I have done to the best of my ability and I bespeak for my successor their united co-operation.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. R. DAVIDSON,
D.D.G.M., District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Cowley, May 14, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to present herewith my report as D.D.G.M. upon the condition of Masonry in the Eighth Masonic District for your consideration and approval.

During my term of office I officially visited all the lodges in the district, and from all the officers and members of every lodge I received a most cordial reception. On every official visit I tried to stress the necessity for more attention being given to the selection of candidates, as I feel that the future of this wonderful society of Freemasons is in the hands of we who are at present serving within its ranks.

The chief difficulty in most lodges seems to be the matter of unpaid dues, although the Masters and Secretaries are doing their utmost to remedy it.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of District No. 8 for the many acts of kindness which were shown me during my term of office.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held at Cowley in Chinook Lodge Hall, on November 5, 1931. We were honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Kerby; the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Kemmis, and also Past Grand Masters Robert Patterson, G. E. Cruickshank and S. H. Middleton. Owing to pressure of business, R. W. Bro. Blackstock, Deputy Grand Master, was unable to attend, which was much regretted.

The meeting was opened by the officers of Chinook Lodge, No. 47, and minutes recorded by R. W. Bro. Pattinson, District Secretary. The reports of the Masters of the different lodges were commented on by the M. W. the Grand Master, who reserved his address for the evening session. Following a short address by the Grand Master, a presentation was made by him of a P.D.D.G.M.'s Jewel to R. W. Bro. H. W. Pinkney. V. W. Bro. F. J. Smith of Sentinel

Lodge, No. 26, was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing Masonic year and Hillcrest was chosen as the place of the next District Meeting.

The meeting was closed by the officers of Summit Lodge, No. 30, and the brethren adjourned to the I.O.O.F. Hall, where the annual district banquet was served, 155 being in attendance. The brethren were very much edified by the inspiring addresses of the M. W. the Grand Master and M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, P.G.M. Several members of Summit Lodge, No. 30, presented a short comedy, which with other musical numbers, solos, community singing, etc., brought a very successful evening to a close.

INSTALLATIONS

I had the honor on June 24th of presiding at a joint installation of officers of Spitzie Lodge, No. 6, and Chinook Lodge, No. 47, at Pincher Creek, and also On January 4, 1932, a joint installation of the officers of Sentinel Lodge, No. 26, Summit Lodge, No. 30, and Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 86, at Hillcrest. On both occasions I was ably assisted by M. W. Bro. Cruickshank and R. W. Bro. Crichton.

CHIEF MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 58

On October 13th I visited this lodge officially. I received a very hearty welcome from the Master and members and the meeting was well attended. This lodge has a very efficient staff of officers, who are most interested in their work. I examined the books and records and found them in good condition and up to date.

CHINOOK LODGE, No. 47

It was indeed a pleasure to visit my own lodge, where I have so often received kindly and brotherly consideration. My regular attendance at meetings enables me to report the general efficiency of the officers and the interest taken in lodge work. The books are kept in excellent condition by the Secretary, R. W. Bro. M. A. Murphy.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 86

On February 8th I paid my official visit to the above lodge, when unfortunately W. Bro. Gray, the Master, owing to a family bereavement was absent. W. Bro. Lord, P.M., conducted the meeting in a most efficient manner and a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent. The books and records are in excellent condition.

ALBERTA LODGE, No. 3

It was a real pleasure to make my official visit to this lodge on February 17th, when I received a most kindly welcome. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Grier and his officers and was as nearly perfect as perhaps it is possible to give it. I had the pleasure on this visit of meeting M. W. Bro. Robert Patterson, P.G.M. A number of visitors were present at this meeting and after lodge closed the hour of refreshment was much enjoyed by all. The lodge generally is in excellent condition, is prosperous and a high Masonic standard is maintained.

SUMMIT LODGE, No. 30

My official visit to this lodge was on March 3rd, being the night of their regular meeting. The business of the lodge was well conducted

and the officers and members appear to be enthusiastic and energetic. There was no degree work, but we were fortunate in having present that evening W. Bro. Graham, who delivered a splendid lecture on "Rulings of Grand Masters," which was much appreciated. The books of the lodge are in good shape and well kept.

SENTINEL LODGE, No. 26

I made my official visit to Sentinel Lodge, on March 10th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. M. A. Murphy, W. Bro. McMillan and Bros. Leigh, Thomson and Green. There was no degree work, but the business of the lodge was conducted in a very capable manner. The lodge is in good condition and the records are in good order.

SPLITZIE LODGE, No. 6

My official visit to this lodge was made on April 5th, when I received a very warm welcome. There was no degree work but W. Bro. Betts, of Cardston, gave a very interesting address on "The Apron," which was much enjoyed by the brethren. I was particularly impressed by the efficient manner in which the business of the lodge was conducted. The books and records are in the capable hands of W. Bro. Purkis.

It has been a great pleasure to serve as D.D.G.M. for District No. 8 and I wish to express my thanks to the brethren throughout the district for their splendid support and co-operation during my term of office. To the brethren who accompanied me on my official visits I wish also to express my appreciation.

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. M. SWART,

D.D.G.M., District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Castor, May 8, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

Herewith is my report regarding the condition of Masonry and my activities as D.D.G.M. for the Ninth Masonic District for the year 1931-1932.

As I was called away from Grand Lodge prior to the installation of officers, I was invested by your representative, R. W. Bro. J. Lane, at the regular August meeting of Beaver Lodge, No. 56.

It is a pleasure to report that, notwithstanding the period of depression and the last two years of particularly hard times, the lodges for the most part in this district are in excellent condition. The net decrease for the year was surprisingly small. With a total membership of 550, only six members were lost and this in spite of the fact that the lodges, practically without exception, have taken steps to enforce payment of arrearages. The district shows an average attendance of fifty-four percent of its resident membership. Only two lodges have

any liabilities and every lodge has a substantial credit balance, the total assets over liabilities being \$15,434.69. Three lodges own their lodge buildings and three others are contemplating purchase.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Stettler on October 8, 1931. Owing to its being an exceptionally busy time for the majority of our members, the attendance was not so large as expected. However, well over one hundred were present and very instructive and interesting meetings were held in the afternoon and evening. Grand Lodge was represented by the M. W. the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Past Grand Masters Connacher and Botterill and Past D.D.G.M.'s McBrine, Lane, Bennett, Mackie and Lee, R. W. Bro. Goddard and V. W. Bro. Ball. The afternoon session was given over to reports of various lodges, conferring of the second degree by Ionic Lodge, No. 45, answering the questions in reference to the Work by the Custodians, M. W. Bros. Kemmis and Connacher, and an inspiring address by M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill.

One Hundred and twenty-five brethren were present at the splendid banquet, arranged by the ladies of the United Church, immediately after the afternoon meeting. The evening session opened at 7:30 o'clock. W. Bro. Porter of Donalda Lodge, No. 150, was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and Alix was chosen as the location for the District Meeting. Many questions appertaining to the Work were answered by M. W. Bros. Kemmis and Connacher and excellent and instructive addresses were delivered by M. W. Bro. Kerby, Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary.

OFFICIAL VISITS

APOLLO LODGE, No. 27

April 4, 1932

This lodge being the oldest and largest in the district, has made consistently good progress during the twenty-five years of its existence, and the brethren are now considering the erection of a temple. Apollo has always stood for the best in Masonry and the lodge is fortunate in having three P.D.D.G.M.'s and many Past Masters who are regular in attendance and exceptionally well informed on Masonic matters.

IONIC, No. 45

August 20, 1931

This lodge although small in membership, is the second oldest in District No. 9, and enjoys an enviable reputation both for the excellency of the ritualistic work and the true Masonic spirit of its members. The lodge has lost many members to newly instituted neighboring lodges, but is still able to carry on very satisfactorily. Meetings are held regularly and the records are well kept.

BEAVER, No. 56

January 6, 1932

This being my home lodge, I have attended most of the regular meetings during the year. Beaver owns its lodge room free from debt, has a good surplus and derives considerable revenue from sources other than regular dues. The lodge room has been completely refurnished lately and the brethren have now very comfortable quarters. Considerable money is being spent for benevolent purposes. A regular

programme of lectures on Masonic subjects is arranged for and the lodge is making good progress.

CORONATION, No. 72

September 24, 1931

Coronation is the second largest lodge in this district, having well over one hundred members. There was no degree work but considerable interesting business was discussed at this meeting. Although at present occupying a rented hall, the lodge is considering the purchase of a permanent home and have appointed a committee to investigate the matter. The lodge is very active and shows the largest membership increase for any lodge in the district during the past few years.

MONITOR, No. 120

October 29, 1931

Monitor was the first lodge in District No. 9 to purchase lodge quarters and is very comfortably located indeed. This lodge has suffered greatly through members moving from the district, but has recently taken successful measures to clear up outstanding dues and now has the smallest amount of arrearage per member, with the exception of Donalda Lodge, No. 150. The percentage of visitors at lodge meetings is very large and exchange visits are arranged with neighboring Saskatchewan lodges.

CLIVE, No. 121

April 13, 1932

Clive has a small membership, with active lodges of much larger membership within a few miles in three directions. The lodge is in good condition financially, but is having difficulty in carrying on, owing to several members having moved from the district. However, the remaining members are keen and enthusiastic and in all probability the lodge will be able to function successfully. R. W. Bro. Sissons is a very valuable member of this lodge.

RISING SUN, No. 122

October 21, 1931

Rising Sun Lodge has a splendid temple, easily the best Masonic premises in the district. There is a fairly large, active, enthusiastic membership. A regular programme of lectures and entertainment has been provided for and meetings are well attended, fourteen meetings being held during the year. Rising Sun has also suffered considerably through active members moving from the district.

BIG VALLEY, No. 140

December 6, 1931, and May 3, 1932

Big Valley has had particularly hard luck. A great many members were obliged to leave the district, through change in the location of the railway divisional point, and now there are actually more non-resident than resident members. As an added misfortune the lodge hall was completely destroyed by fire on July 12, 1931. Since that time meetings have been held in the Elks' Hall, but the brethren hope to secure permanent quarters for themselves within the next few months and I believe the future for this lodge is bright. Great credit is due the officers, particular the Master, W. Bro. Scott, and the Secretary, Bro. Spencer, for the good showing made this year, despite very heavy odds.

DONALDA, No. 150

September 4, 1931

On account of heavy rains and the extremely bad condition of the roads, the attendance was not so large as expected. There was, however, a fairly large number present, including R. W. Bro. Lee and V. W. Bro. Ball of Stettler, W. Bro. Snell of Red Deer and several other visitors. An excellent address was delivered by W. Bro. Snell. This lodge, although the youngest in the district, is in splendid condition, finances are in good shape with both general and benevolent funds showing good balances. The latter fund is maintained through voluntary subscriptions by means of donation envelopes, distributed amongst the brethren, the system being evidently highly successful.

GENERAL

In addition to the above visits, I attended anniversary meetings held by Coronation Lodge, No. 72, and Beaver Lodge, No. 56. These were splendid meetings and large numbers of the brethren were present. R. W. Bro. Goddard delivered excellent Masonic addresses on both occasions. I regret that I was unable to be present at Apollo's 25th Anniversary in February, but I understand that this meeting was also very well attended, M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood delivering the main address of the evening.

In making the various visits to lodges and the District Meeting, I have driven slightly over one thousand miles. Fortunately I am located in nearly the centre of the district, for had I resided in either of the extreme ends, approximately fifteen hundred miles of driving would have been necessary. But candidly, as the present system of main highway construction appears to follow the existing railways, I don't believe that the present arrangement of Masonic districts, in this part of the province at least, can be improved upon, without materially increasing the number of districts.

It is my opinion that the best time for the new District Deputy Grand Master to take over his duties would be immediately following the District Meeting, rather than the following June.

The lodges in this district are, without exception, in favor of being granted the privilege of attending Divine Service wearing regalia.

As most points are actually covered by the Work and the Constitution, if the Custodians of both Rites can be present at each District Meeting, or at least alternate District Meetings, to answer questions and give rulings, the lodges in this district will be very well satisfied to let the arrangement stand as covered by clause (c), Section 117, of the Constitution.

The programme as outlined by R. W. Bro. Chauncey and his committee, as regards lectures, etc., has been well taken hold of by most lodges in the district. Some have arranged programmes for the entire year, and where this has been followed the attendance of members has actually increased, despite the almost total lack of degree work.

The practice of some lodges placing their non-resident members on half dues, is causing some little dissatisfaction throughout the district.

In summarizing the conditions as existing in District No. 9, I am pleased to report that I consider them generally very good indeed. Harmony and good feeling prevail in every lodge, and throughout the

year there has been no exceptional happening in the entire district to disturb Masonic progress.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the various brethren who have accompanied me on my visits, particularly R. W. Bro. Lane, W. Bros. Paradise, Lone and Newsham, also R. W. Bro. Goddard for his valuable contributions to Masonry in this district during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

A. C. MOORE,
D.D.G.M., District No. 9;

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 27, 1932,

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I beg to submit my report covering the condition of Masonry and my visits made as D D.G.M. of District No. 10 for the year 1931-32.

I wish to express my appreciation to the brethren for electing me as your representative in this district and for the kindly manner in which I was received in every lodge that I visited.

I found that the condition of Masonry, I would say without exception, was good in every lodge and the fact that business conditions are not all that they might be has had the effect, seemingly, of keeping the attending brethren closer together in the lodges. The average attendance does not seem to improve to any great extent, but the work of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education this year is arousing great interest and should, properly applied, have the effect of a gradual increase in attendance. The trend of feeling amongst the members appears to be towards general discussion along Masonic educational lines, rather than long addresses.

As to the feeling among the lodges with regard to wearing regalia at Divine Service, some of them are not interested. Others are emphatically in favor of it, but I did not find any lodge that was against it to any marked degree.

With regard to the best method of conveying instruction and correction in the work of both rites by Custodians of the Work, as far as I could learn all lodges in District No. 10 are satisfied with the present method.

The lodges in this district appear to use great care in the selection of candidates and are making every effort in the guidance of initiates. They are also making every endeavor to hold the interest of their membership, but at the same time, in my visits I stressed the fact that the members had an equal responsibility with their officers in the welfare of the individual lodge.

I took up the matter of unpaid dues and unaffiliated members with each lodge. The feeling was that, considering the economic conditions, the matter of unpaid dues was in very fair shape and the problem of

unaffiliated brethren is receiving attention, particularly in the country lodges.

All the lodges in District No. 10 are in the habit of being represented at Grand Lodge Sessions with the exception of one, and this lodge expressed their intention of being represented this year.

In accordance with my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Long's recommendation, I paid particular attention to the Historical Register in each lodge. In most cases they are now in good shape and those that were not I particularly stressed the necessity of having them brought up to date.

A joint meeting of District No. 3, 10 and 12 was held in Edmonton. on November 14th. There was a very large attendance, and the addresses of the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers were much enjoyed. W. Bro. A. W. Fraser was unanimously elected as D.D.G.M. for the year 1932-33 for District No. 10.

I had the pleasure of attending three anniversaries in my district. Vermilion Lodge, No. 24, held their 25th Anniversary on November 3rd, and their lodge room was crowded to capacity with members and visitors. There were five of the charter members present, who received a royal welcome. An address was given by Bro. The Hon. J. E. Brownlee Premier of Alberta, which everyone present thoroughly enjoyed and R. W. Bro. J. Martland, S.G.W., representing the Grand Master, gave an address later in the evening, which was also enjoyed by all present. The reminiscences of the charter members were very interesting.

St. John's Lodge, No. 25, of Vegreville, held their 25th Anniversary on April 18th, 1932. Members and visitors present crowded their lodge room and a very successful evening was spent. R. W. Bro. Hacker gave a history of the lodge, which was very interesting and the charter members present told many interesting stories of the early days of the lodge. Rev. Bro. Chas. Stone gave the address of the evening, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Empire Lodge, No. 63, Edmonton, held their 21st Anniversary on May 16th, 1932. Three of the charter members were present. There was a very good attendance and Rev. Bro. Philip Duncan gave the address of the evening, speaking on the Anniversary and Empire Day, which proved all too short.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 11

I visited Acacia Lodge, No. 11, Edmonton, on Thursday, November 26th and appreciated the welcome I received. Work in the third degree was exemplified and the Master, W. Bro. L. A. Shean, and his officers deserve every credit for good work. W. Bro. Jas. Duncan, the Secretary, has his books in good shape. This lodge is the oldest and largest in the district and is making progress.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 13

I visited Victoria Lodge, No. 13, at Fort Saskatchewan on April 19th, accompanied by a good number of members of Empire Lodge. W. Bro. Jas. Graham and his officers conferred the first degree on a candidate and the work was well done. I was made to feel very welcome and was pleased with the friendly feeling and hospitality of this lodge. Bro. H. N. Carscadden, the Secretary, has his books in good order.

VERMILION LODGE, No. 24

I visited Vermilion Lodge on the 3rd of November, on the occasion of their 25th Anniversary and paid them an official visit on May 18th,

1932. W. Bro. Heckbert and his officers conferred the first degree in a very able manner, and the books in charge of W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison are in very good order. I was in Vermilion all day and was well taken care of by R. W. Bro. Long and W. Bros. Morrison and Heckbert, and I appreciate their kind hospitality. This lodge is very progressive and has a Study Club that is most successful.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No: 25

On April 18th, 1932, I visited this lodge on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary and paid them an official visit on June 6th. A third degree was conferred and the work was well done by W. Bro. J. R. Moore and his officers. The books, in charge of W. Bro. F. W. Laing, are well kept. This lodge is very progressive and is making good headway. On the occasions that I visited it I have much appreciated my reception.

HOPE LODGE, No: 38

I visited Hope Lodge at Mannville on May 19th. No work was put on, but from the way in which the Master, W. Bro. J. Shaw, handled the business, I have no doubt of his ability to exemplify the degrees. The books in charge of V. W. Bro. W. N. Crooks are in good shape. This lodge is very interested in Masonic education and meetings are continued until the early hours of the morning, but I appreciated the discussion and enjoyed the very cordial reception accorded me.

EMPIRE LODGE, No. 63

I paid an official visit to my own lodge on March 7th. Work in the third degree was exemplified and the Master, W. Bro. E. E. Voss, had the pleasure of conferring the degree on his son. The books of the lodge in charge of R. W. Bro. J. Martland are well kept. This lodge has been holding a School of Instruction for Masonic Education and Research and from the interest taken in discussions and the increased attendance, it is felt that it is proving very successful. Needless to say, my reception as D.D.G.M. was very cordial.

NORWOOD LODGE, No. 90

I visited Norwood Lodge, Edmonton, on February 23rd. It was the occasion of their Past Masters' Night and the third degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. I received a very cordial reception and there was a very good attendance. The lodge, in charge of W. Bro. J. MacGregor, is in very good shape and is making progress. The books are well and carefully kept by the Secretary, W. Bro. Wilfred Horrocks.

LAMONT LODGE, No. 94

I visited Lamont Lodge on May 2nd, accompanied by some members of Empire Lodge. No work was exemplified, but I judge from their records that their officers are capable. Unfortunately, through sickness, the Master, W. Bro. J. H. Macpherson, was unable to be present, but the lodge was capably handled by W. Bro. J. A. Alton, I.P.M. The books, in charge of W. Bro. L. B. Adams, are well kept. I feel that this lodge is in good shape and making progress, and I appreciated the welcome they accorded me.

KILWINNING LODGE, No. 110

I visited this lodge at Innisfree on May 20th. They show good progress since the lodge was moved from Minburn. The first degree

was conferred by W. Bro. J. Charles Loree and his officers in a very creditable manner indeed and the books of the lodge were in excellent shape, in care of W. Bro. D. J. Dickson. This lodge is making and intends making progress, the interest is keen and the membership are anxious for Masonic education. I appreciate the hospitality of their reception.

DOMINION LODGE, No. 117

I visited this lodge on November 25th. The Master, W. Bro. H. P. Gallimore, and his officers conferred the third degree on two candidates, the work being done in an excellent manner. The books, in charge of W. Bro. W. Ward, are well and carefully kept. The lodge is in good condition and is making progress. I was well received and enjoyed my visit.

KITSCOTY LODGE, No. 131

Accompanied by R. W. Bro. H. P. Long, I visited Kitscoty Lodge on May 17th. I was well received and enjoyed my visit to this lodge. No work was exemplified but the business of the lodge was well conducted by the Master, W. Bro. F. O. Seward. This lodge though small appear to be in very good shape. The membership are very interested in Masonic education and one of the members delivered a very good address. Other members are also preparing addresses and the spirit shown by the brethren means success.

Fraternally submitted,

T. W. BULL,

D.D.G.M., District No. 10.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Cardmangay, May 24, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Eleventh Masonic District for the present year.

I have visited every lodge in the district at least once during my year of office and found that in all the lodges a true fraternal spirit existed.

The Secretaries are efficient as shown by the way in which their books are kept and under the present economic conditions the financial standing of the lodges may be said to be good, although the amount of dues outstanding may seem high at the close of the year.

On June 24th I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49, and Cresset Lodge, No. 136, at a joint installation held at Cardmangay, and again on December 27th I had the privilege of installing the officers of Champion Lodge, No. 84; Pyramid Lodge, No. 108, and Nobleford Lodge, No. 111, at Champion.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Carmangay on October 30th, which was well attended. The meeting was opened by Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49. We were privileged to have with us on this occasion the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, accompanied by M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, P.G.M., Custodian of the Work, M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair, P.G.M., and R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, Junior Grand Warden. Also many P.D.D.G.M.'s of the district were present. All the lodges were represented and a great interest taken in the proceedings.

The afternoon was taken up by questions and discussion, followed by a banquet in the hall.

At the evening session reports were received from the representatives of each lodge, giving a brief resume of their activities and progress during the year, which was followed by the election of W. Bro. Hanna of Pyramid Lodge, No. 108, as D.D.G.M. for 1932-33. The invitation of Vulcan Lodge, No. 74, to meet next year at Vulcan, was accepted.

The M. W. the Grand Master then gave us a very interesting address, after which the meeting was closed by Champion Lodge, No. 84.

OFFICIAL VISITS

On January 20, 1932, I visited Pyramid Lodge, No. 108. There was no degree work, but the business of the evening was conducted very efficiently and I had the pleasure of presenting W. Bro. Hanna with a Past Master's Jewel.

On February 1, 1932, I visited Cresset Lodge, No. 136. The third degree was conferred by the W. M. and his officers in a very creditable manner. The attendance was good and the lodge in excellent condition.

I visited Champion Lodge, No. 84, on March 11, 1932. The meeting was well attended and the work of the evening very interesting. I invested Bro. George Marks as Treasurer and had the pleasure of listening to a very fine address by Bro. B. F. Cool.

On March 14, 1932, I officially visited Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49, my own lodge, where I am a regular attendant. There was no degree work but I heard an excellent address given by W. Bro. Jas. Davey.

On April 5, 1932, I visited Vulcan Lodge, No. 74. There was no degree work but the business of the evening was carried out in a very nice manner. R. W. Bro. Howes gave an excellent talk to the brethren.

I visited Granite Lodge, No. 27, on April 6, 1932. No work was exemplified but the business was well conducted. I had the pleasure of presenting R. W. Bro. Daniel McNiven with a P.D.D.G.M.'s jewel from the district, in appreciation of his work as D.D.G.M. last year.

On May 3, 1932, I visited Nobleford Lodge, No. 111, but as seeding was in progress there was not a large attendance. The officers conducted the business presented in a workmanlike manner. Here I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. T. W. Rogers of Lethbridge and H. B. Fuller of Coalhurst, and a very profitable evening was spent.

In closing, I wish to thank the brethren for electing me D.D.G.M. for this district. The work has been very pleasant owing to the good-

fellowship and hospitality I have met with in all my visits. I feel that the experience gained will be useful and the many friendships I have made will be a lasting memory of my year of office.

Fraternally submitted,

C. H. MESSINGER,
D.D.G M., District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 26, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 12 for the year 1931-32.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brethren for their kindness in electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of District No 12, and I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to discharge the duties of that office throughout the term, and I trust, M. W. Sir, to your satisfaction. I am delighted to report that Masonry is in splendid condition throughout my territory.

DISTRICT MEETING

Saturday, November 14, 1931, Districts 3, 10 and 12, met in the Central Masonic Temple, at Edmonton, in joint communication. R. W. Bro. R. Thomson, of District No. 3, presided during the afternoon session and received the M. W. the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers with the customary honors.

The District Deputy Grand Masters outlined general conditions of Masonry prevailing throughout their respective districts, after which matters of a routine nature were dealt with. The Grand Master's address, delivered by M. W. Bro. George W. Kerby, in his usual excellent style, held the rapt attention of the brethren, not only because of the speaker's eloquence but because of his masterly logic and fine idealism, splendidly blended with practical admonitions aimed at the development of worthy Masonic character.

At the conclusion of his address, the Grand Master presented Past District Deputy Grand Master's Regalia to R. W. Bro. F. Faulkner, of District No. 3; R. W. Bro. H. P. Long, of District No. 10, and R. W. Bro. F. H. Steele, of District No. 12, and congratulated these brethren on the splendid service rendered their several districts for the year 1930-31.

The following eminent brethren were elected to the office of District Deputy Grand Master: W. Bro. A. E. Wynne, of Wetaskiwin Lodge, No. 15, for District No. 3; W. Bro. Fraser, St. John's Lodge, No. 25, Vegreville, for District No. 10; and W. Bro. H. B. Fowler, of Jasper Lodge, No. 14, for District No. 12.

An excellent banquet and program was the feature of the evening, at which I had the pleasure of presiding. R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull is to

be heartily thanked for the splendid musical entertainment with which he provided the brethren. Excellent addresses were delivered by M. W. the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, Deputy Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, the Grand Secretary.

I wish to convey the heartiest thanks of R. W. Bros. R. Thomson, T. W. Bull and myself to R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands, for his splendid service as Secretary of these three districts.

JASPER LODGE, No. 14.

I visited this lodge, officially, on October 26, 1931, on the occasion of their Thirtieth Anniversary, and witnessed the second degree conferred in a very capable manner. W. Bro. Fred Casselman, the Master, and his officers are maintaining the good name and reputation of Jasper Lodge, whose destiny is in safe hands. I again visited this lodge on April 25, 1932, and the same high standard of work was in evidence. The books are well kept and the lodge is in a strong financial condition. There is also a fine Masonic Library and through the use of a "Question Box" the members, especially the younger brethren, keep themselves well versed in Masonic knowledge.

STRATHCONA LODGE, No. 77.

I entered upon my work as D.D.G.M. by attending this, my own lodge, on June 12, 1931, and fulfilled the instructions of the Grand Master by having W. Bro. Harry C. Neal invested as Junior Grand Deacon, the ceremony being performed by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M. Naturally I have many opportunities of observing the work done in this lodge and on June 26th, at an emergent communication, I had the pleasure of witnessing the second degree conferred by the Master, W. Bro. Heber Smith, in his usual impressive manner. His successor in office, W. Bro. James Dunn, is carrying on the traditions of the lodge in a very able manner. The Secretary, V. W. Bro. Harry C. Neal, is to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which his books are kept. The Historical Register, also, is a work to be proud of. Financially Strathcona Lodge is in a healthy condition, especially the Benevolent Fund. This lodge also maintains a good Library and addresses on Masonic subjects are frequently delivered at the meetings by able brethren. I hope to again visit this lodge officially before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

PATRICIA LODGE, No. 91

I visited Patricia Lodge on June 15, 1931, and again on April 29, 1932. On the former occasion the Master, W. Bro. Kilgour, and his officers conferred the third degree most creditably and on April 29th the chairs were occupied by their Past Masters, R. W. Bro. J. Henning presiding, when the third degree was again exemplified, M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, R. W. Bros. Henning and D. D. Penman giving excellent evidence that they still retain their skill of former years. As might be expected, the books and finances of this lodge are in first-class condition. During the year Patricia Lodge suffered the loss of two well-known brethren in the persons of V. W. Bros. G. H. McAvoy and C. W. Boon.

SASKATCHEWAN LODGE, No. 92

I paid several official visits to this lodge during the year and I am convinced that these brethren are doing all in their power to make this one of the finest lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. It would be hard to

find a more careful and painstaking Master than W. Bro. John Norquay and Bro. W. Scott is a very capable secretary who manifests the utmost interest in his work. On September 24, 1931, W. Bro. W. L. Sharp impressed three candidates and all brethren present with his exemplification of the first degree. V. W. Bro. Matt Robbins and other Past Masters assisted in the work of raising these same candidates on November 26, 1931. At the request of the lodge, on December 10, 1931, I dedicated a beautiful Altar to the memory of the late W. Bro. Duncan Slater, the founder of this lodge and a brother greatly beloved, whose loss is deplored and whose memory is reverently cherished.

WEST EDMONTON LODGE, No. 101.

I attended communications of West Edmonton Lodge on December 2, 1931, January 20, 1932, and May 18, 1932. In January I witnessed the Past Masters of the lodge engaged in conferring the third degree in a way that left nothing to be desired. The same might be said of the Master, W. Bro. Walter Bridge, and his officers when he raised four brethren on May 18th. This lodge is in fair financial condition although several of the brethren are enduring the hardships of the present depression. There are some dues outstanding but it is hoped that much of this money will be collected in the near future. W. Bro. Wm. MacKenzie, the Secretary, keeps his books in fine shape. I would like to see this lodge with a library, and to hear that they are indulging in a certain amount of Masonic study.

WESTLOCK LODGE, No. 114

Accompanied by R. W. Bros. Steele and Downey, I visited Westlock Lodge on November 5, 1931. W. Bro. W. McCullough raised a candidate to the third degree very impressively. Finances are good and they are fortunate in having the services of W. Bro. G. McTavish as their Secretary. R. W. Bro. F. H. Steele, Past D.D.G.M., is a member of this lodge, in whose fortunes he has manifested the keenest interest for several years and the brethren do not hesitate to give him the highest possible credit for the services rendered by him.

PEMBINA LODGE, No. 126

Despite the fact that this lodge is not as well off, financially, as desirable, it was a real pleasure to be present with these brethren at an emergent communication on May 16, 1932, when I saw the Worshipful Master and officers exemplify the work in the third degree. Pembina Lodge owns its little Temple, on which a large sum of money is still outstanding, a hardship which is borne by the Worshipful Master and one or two other brethren. They are optimistic regarding the future of the lodge and I was delighted to find that the attitude of these members is, like that in other places, that they will not accept candidates who are not fit and proper persons, in their opinion, to be made Masons. Following the meeting I addressed these brethren on a suitable subject and urged upon them the necessity of a library.

ONOWAY LODGE, No. 138

On May 4, 1932, I had the pleasure of visiting the Onoway brethren at their Regular Communication, when, despite their hardships, they manifested a sense of Masonic enthusiasm. Present on this occasion were several Past Grand Lodge officers all of whom agreed with me that Onoway Lodge, although not as comfortably housed as might be wished, is, in spite of prevailing conditions, more than holding its own. As

this lodge is situated not very far from Edmonton I would like to see city brethren visit Onoway as frequently as possible Those doing so will be assured a hearty welcome and find their time well spent. W. Bro. A. A. Brown is to be congratulated on the condition of his books and I sincerely hope that their finances will be stronger before long. The second degree was conferred on one member when the Worshipful Master and his officers proved that they are truly devoted to the work.

IVANHOE LODGE, No. 142

As my predecessor in office gave a glowing and, albeit, a true account of the harmony and enthusiasm of Ivanhoe Lodge, I must content myself with endorsing his good opinion of these brethren and their devotion to Freemasonry. Their genial Master, W. Bro. Joseph Madill, gave me a very kindly reception when I paid my first official visit on September 21, 1931. Well skilled in the work, the Worshipful Master and officers conferred the first degree on two candidates in a highly efficient manner. On April 18, 1932, I had the pleasure of being present when the Master, W. Bro. Mitchell, raised two candidates to the sublime degree of M. M. On this occasion the Master was ably assisted by several Past Masters of the lodge. V. W. Bro. Mark Wright is the capable Secretary and the lodge, in every sense, is in a highly satisfactory condition. Particular attention is paid by this lodge to the Musical Ritual which adds greatly to the beauty of the Work. They have a good library and each newly raised member is presented with a copy of "The Builders" by Joseph Fort Newton.

MAYERTHORPE LODGE, No. 148

I visited this lodge officially on May 6, 1932, when the first degree was exemplified by the Master, W. Bro. L. Kidd, most creditably. Bro. C. C. Hazen is their very capable secretary as is evidenced by the books of the lodge. Their library consists only of Grand Lodge reports in which the younger members show a commendable interest. Finances are good although there are a few members in arrears. The Historical Register is up to date and the altar and other furnishings of the lodge were made by the brethren of the lodge, an evidence that they possess a fine Masonic spirit.

WHITECOURT LODGE, No. 153

I was particularly impressed with this lodge when I made my official visit on May 6, 1932. The Master and officers of the lodge were dressed in Tuxedo suits and do not intend to surrender the dignity of the Fraternity to the present wave of depression. They are determined to admit to membership in their lodge only those whom they believe will safeguard the principles and tenets of the Order. One brother in particular, a forest ranger, whatever the weather, travels regularly, on foot, a distance of over seventy miles, to and from his work, to attend lodge and his generosity to the lodge is their pride and boast. I witnessed a fine exemplification of the first degree. Two days' time is consumed in visiting this lodge by rail, but I feel it was time well spent. Whitecourt Lodge is composed of brethren of whom the Grand Lodge of Alberta may feel justly proud. Their capable secretary, W. Bro. Govenlock, maintains the books in a creditable manner. Their library is small but well used.

EARL HAIG LODGE, No. 155

Many of the brethren of this lodge, situated at Barrhead, 85 miles from Edmonton, were engaged on the land when I attended their regular

meeting on May 11, 1932, but that did not deter some of them from travelling long distances to be present at the meeting. As in most other country districts, I met with brethren of a splendid type and saw the Worshipful Master confer the first degree on a local Clergyman whose talents, I am sure, will be an added asset to the lodge. The books are well kept and I was assured that the Historical Register would be written up to date immediately. With such brethren as these I feel that the interests of the Craft will be well safeguarded. I urged upon them the necessity of starting a Masonic library and of making a special effort to collect as much of the outstanding dues as possible at their earliest convenience.

In conclusion, I desire to heartily thank the Past Grand Lodge Officers and other brethren for their kindness in accompanying me on my official visits and I most particularly wish to thank you, M. W. Sir, for the confidence you reposed in me in one or two delicate situations. This work has been a great pleasure and I greatly appreciate the honor done me by the brethren of District No. 12 in electing me to this high office.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBT. H. LYTTLE,
D.D.G.M., District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Wembley, May 12, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 13 for your consideration.

I have visited all the lodges in my district once and some two and three times. I find that the condition of Masonry is good and an excellent spirit prevails throughout the district. In travelling through the Peace River District it is hard to realize that the world in general is going through one of the most thorough economic depressions ever experienced.

Being unable to attend the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, on your instructions R. W. Bro. W. Grant, P.D.D.G.M., invested me as D.D.G.M. in Lake Saskatoon Lodge, No. 106, after which I installed the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year.

The Annual District Meeting was held at Wembley on July 11, 1931, and was very well attended, over eighty brethren being present and all the lodges of the district represented with the exception of Peace River, No. 89. M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis were present and I would like here to emphasize how very deeply the brethren appreciate the annual visit of our Grand Master and Grand Secretary. M. W. Bro. Kerby gave a most inspiring address and left a deep and lasting impression wherever he spoke. M. W. Bro. Kemmis in his addresses, as usual, gave us a lot of good counsel and food for thought. W. Bro. E. J. Martin, P.M., Secretary of Northland Lodge, No. 147, was elected by acclamation

to the office of D.D.G.M. for the year 1932-33. The meeting was followed by a banquet in the hotel, tendered by Lake Saskatoon Lodge, at which a hundred brethren were seated.

WAHPUN LODGE, No. 88

On Tuesday, August 11, 1931, I visited Wahpun Lodge, No. 88, at High Prairie and in spite of the electric storm there was an excellent attendance. Of fifteen resident members this lodge has an average attendance of fourteen. The books are well kept and the Historical Register is written up to date.

PEACE RIVER LODGE, No. 89

On August 12, 1931, I visited Peace River Lodge, No. 89. The officers are well posted in their work and the books and Historical Register are in the very efficient hands of R. W. Bro. T. A. Norris and are in excellent shape.

GRANDE PRAIRIE LODGE, No. 105

I visited this lodge on November 18, 1931. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. A. R. McMillan, ably assisted by W. Bros. J. M. Smart and D. W. Patterson, in a very creditable manner. The books are well kept and up to date.

LAKE SASKATOON LODGE, No. 106

On November 25, 1931, I officially visited my own mother lodge. The officers are capable and the attendance at the meetings is good. There were a number of visitors on this occasion from the lodges at Hythe and Grande Prairie and after the meeting a banquet was tendered to the brethren and their ladies.

SPIRIT RIVER LODGE, No. 116

I visited this lodge on March 21, 1932. Cars were able to run in the Spirit River district and there was an excellent attendance of fifty. The lodge is to be congratulated on its Secretary, Bro. A. C. Egan, and on the efficient way in which the work is carried out. The opening and closing ceremonies were accompanied by music, which added greatly to their impressiveness.

NORTHLAND LODGE, No. 147

Harvesting was in operation when I visited Northland Lodge, No. 147, at Fairview, on August 13, 1931. Nevertheless there was an excellent attendance of the brethren. The work is carried out very efficiently and the books and Historical Register are in the efficient care of W. Bro. E. J. Martin.

HYTHE LODGE, No. 156

I made three official visits and one unofficial visit to this lodge. My first official visit was made on October 29, 1931. On December 28, 1931, I again visited this lodge for the purpose of installing their Master and investing the other officers, but owing to the requisite number of Past Masters not being present I again visited the lodge on January 12, 1932, accompanied by W. Bros. C. H. Cowpar and J. Archer and installed the new W. M., Bro. A. F. Clarke. The records of this lodge are well kept and the work excellently performed.

SEXSMITH LODGE, U.D.

I visited Sexsmith on October 14, 1931, accompanied by W. Bro. C. H. Cowpar and Bro. L. E. Purves of Lake Saskatoon Lodge. I again visited this lodge on May 11, 1932, accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. Grant. There was on this occasion an attendance of fifteen members, with strong reinforcements from Spirit River and Grande Prairie Lodges as well as from other districts and provinces, bringing up the total attendance for the meeting to forty-three. The Master, W. Bro. Bruce, is a Past Master and a Mason of over forty years standing. He conducts the meetings in an able and dignified manner and is very efficiently assisted by the other officers of the lodge, in fact, I don't know that I have ever seen the work carried out more efficiently. The books are well kept and the Historical Register is in the very efficient hands of Bro. E. V. Bergin, who is a keen student of Masonry. The lodge is proceeding cautiously and the prospects for the future are bright. I have great pleasure in recommending this lodge to your favorable consideration in the matter of issuing a charter.

In all my visits I find that there is an increasing desire for knowledge of Masonry, a deeper spiritual insight and a closer guard on our portals. The wearing of regalia at Divine Service was not looked upon with approval in the majority of the lodges.

In closing, I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the honor which they conferred on me and for the very kindly reception which I have been accorded everywhere.

Fraternally submitted,

A. E. W. ROBERTS,

D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Youngstown, May 30, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I herewith submit for your approval my report for Masonic District No. 14, of which I have the honor to be acting D.D.G.M.

It has been an honor and privilege to represent this district for the past few months, completing the year of W. Bro. M. S. MacLeod of Hanna Lodge, who is now a resident of Vancouver. I am more than pleased to be able to report favorably on what I have seen of work done. Insofar as the officers and brethren in this district are concerned, Masonry is in very capable and conscientious hands. The time that I was acting as D.D.G.M. being so short, it was practically impossible for me to visit all the lodges.

This district has been particularly unfortunate during the past few years with crop failures, but the season thus far has been very favorable and we look for better conditions and more activity in the lodges.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Oyen on Saturday, October 24, 1931, and was opened by the officers of Berry Creek Lodge, No. 158. R. W. Bro. Chas. Stewart, P.D.D.G.M., who was acting in the absence of R. W. Bro. M. S. MacLeod, who was at the Coast on account of ill health, was then formally received and took charge of the meeting. The M. W. the Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, were received with Grand Honors and the business of the meeting proceeded with.

At 6:00 p.m. a splendid banquet was served in the basement of the Oyen United Church by the ladies of the O.E.S.

At the Evening Session the Masters of the lodges in the district gave interesting reports of the activities of their respective lodges. W. Bro. E. M. Wegren of Craigmyle Lodge No. 132 was elected D.D.G.M. of the district for the ensuing year, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Master at Grand Lodge, and the invitation of Crocus Lodge to hold the District Meeting at Chinook for 1932 was unanimously accepted.

The Grand Master's Address on "Masonry and the New Age" was delivered with the simple charm and dramatic skill for which he is famed. The address thrilled the brethren and proved a great inspiration.

The question of the day of the week set for the District Meeting was brought up and it was explained that it was very difficult to fix suitable days for each and every district as the Grand Master could not make a special trip to serve each district, but that the utmost care was taken to see that dates did not clash and that as far as possible days of the week were selected as conveniently as could be done under the circumstances. It was pointed out that in spite of Saturday being an unfavorable day for the meeting, this one was very well attended indeed and circumstances were such that it was impossible on this occasion to select another day.

HANNA LODGE, No. 78

I visited this lodge on April 6, 1932, and found a very good attendance. The Junior Warden, Bro. Stevens, read a paper on the Ancient Landmarks, which was well received. Unfortunately the Master, W. Bro. Templeton, has been transferred to Olds and a very capable officer is lost to the lodge. The books and records are neat, up to date and well kept. The finances are good and the lodge is active.

ACADIA LODGE, No. 82

I visited this lodge officially on April 19th and was heartily received by the brethren. As this is my own 'odge, an official visit was scarcely necessary as I attended nearly every meeting during the year. There have not been any Masonic Lectures or Addresses delivered as yet, but the lodge intends to arrange for these during the fall and winter. Their records are well kept and the finances are sound.

HAND HILL LODGE, No. 98

I paid an official visit to Hand Hill Lodge on March 23rd on the occasion of a joint meeting with Craigmyle Lodge. There was a splendid attendance, and I was most cordially received by the brethren. W. Bro. McDonald of Craigmyle Lodge gave a most interesting address.

It was arranged at this meeting that the members of Hand Hill Lodge would visit Craigmyle at their next regular meeting. The books and records are neatly kept.

OYEN LODGE, No. 104

On April 23rd I visited this lodge. After the regular business of the lodge, the Master called the lodge "at ease" for the space of twenty minutes. During this time the Secretary read twelve of the Landmarks of Masonry, which were then generally discussed. I believe a great deal of information was gained in this most enjoyable informal discussion. This lodge is in a very healthy condition.

CROCUS LODGE, No. 115

I arranged a visit for this lodge on May 25th, but was unable to reach there on account of the condition of the roads. I have visited this lodge on numerous occasions. I was present at their Installation Ceremony and am satisfied they are doing good work.

CRAIGMYLE LODGE, No. 132

Arrangements were made to visit this lodge on March 24th from Delia, but I was obliged to return home, and it has been impossible to make a return trip. I met, however, a number of the brethren at the joint meeting with Hand Hill Lodge and was informed that their lodge had several good applicants for initiation. This lodge lost a valuable member when W. Bro. Wegren, D.D.G.M. elect, was transferred to Edmonton, making it necessary for him to resign his office. The officers and members of this lodge are deeply interested in Masonic education.

BERRY CREEK LODGE, No. 158

I made plans to visit this lodge on several occasions, the last on May 25th, but the roads were too heavy for a fifty mile drive. However, I intend to visit at their next meeting. I am more than pleased with the progress of this lodge. In spite of their crops being very poor last year yet they have raised four members during the year. Crop conditions are very encouraging at the present time and the officers and members are looking forward to an increased membership. This lodge has had several addresses on Masonic History.

In closing this report I only wish to add that I sincerely trust that the lodges in District No. 14 will continue to give Masonry their loyal support. I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred by the M. W. the Grand Master in appointing me to complete the term of W. Bro MacLeod. It has been a pleasure to me to do the work and if my efforts have accomplished anything for the progress of Masonry in the district, I shall feel amply repaid.

Fraternally submitted,

PETER A. DAVIE,

Acting D.D.G.M., District No. 14:

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Irricana, May 27, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

Herewith I have the honor of presenting for your consideration my report on the activities and condition of Masonry in the Fifteenth Masonic District for the year beginning June 11, 1931.

At the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, I have inquired of every lodge in the district whether or not they are in favor of wearing regalia at Divine Service and find that the majority of the seven lodges are in favor of leaving it stand as it is at present, whereby they can obtain dispensation from the Grand Master.

Also at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, the much discussed subject of the Custodians of the Work was referred to the lodges, and I found that as a whole they are in favor of the Custodians being as at present.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in Three Hills on October 27, 1931, and was considered to be highly successful. We were honored by the presence of several distinguished brethren, among whom were M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, our beloved Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, P.G.M. The address delivered by the Grand Master was greatly appreciated by all the brethren present and will long remain in their memory.

The meeting was opened by the officers of Cyprus Lodge. The D.D.G.M. was received with Grand Honors, and then took charge of the meeting. The Grand Lodge Officers were then received with Grand Honors by the seventy-four brethren present.

At 6:00 p.m. a splendid banquet was served by the ladies of the O.E.S.

At the evening session W. Bro. J. P. Watters was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing Masonic year and Mirror was chosen as the place for the next District Meeting.

Let me take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the brethren of Cyprus Lodge for their careful management, which made the meeting successful and enjoyable, and I wish also to especially thank R. W. Bro. Harte, for his splendid work in connection with this meeting. He is an able and willing Secretary and a great help to the D.D.G.M. during his year of office.

VISITATIONS

I have been able to officially visit each lodge in the district and several of them I have visited unofficially on several occasions. I have found the condition of Masonry throughout the district to be excellent. The officers of all the lodges are conscientious and very efficient in their work. Owing to the crop failures in this district, there are heavy arrearages in dues and very little new material for membership in sight. However, I believe that with care on the part

of the officers in each lodge, the dues will all be paid and they will also have new applications for membership in our highly esteemed Order.

The Masters of the lodges of District No. 15 seemed to be very carefully selected by their brethren and appear to have the full support of all the members. Harmony, I believe, prevails in every lodge. I must here especially mention W. Bro. A. A. Meston of Cyprus Lodge, No. 113, whom I have witnessed conferring several degrees. On my official visit on October 21st, a candidate was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason and I must say it was a pleasure to witness the ceremony which was delivered in full by the Master. There was a large number of brethren from Carbon Lodge, No. 107, present, and we had a very enjoyable evening. Of course, R. W. Bro. Braisher was there with his usual smile and good cheer to all.

And finally, in passing into the ranks, I render my sincere thanks to all brethren of the district for the high honor they conferred upon me in electing me as their D.D.G.M. It has been a pleasure to visit the lodges throughout the district and I have made many friends whom I hope to meet many times again at the various lodges. The pleasure of the year was interrupted by the death of an old and highly esteemed friend of mine, W. Bro. J. P. Watters, on June 10th, who was to have taken office as D.D.G.M.

In closing this brief report, I only wish to add that I sincerely trust that the lodges and brethren in District No. 15 will continue to give Masonry their loyal support, and especially do I ask them to show the same spirit of co-operation to my successor with which they have honored me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

H. F. NICHOLSON,
D.D.G.M., District No. 15.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Drumheller, June 6, 1932:

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.:

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit the following report on Masonic District No. 16.

I was able to visit each lodge in the district officially once and Rosebud Lodge, No. 149, I visited twice.

It is a pleasure to report that the Masonic spirit in all the lodges is maintained at a high level, in spite of present conditions, which to some extent have affected the lodges financially. The statistical returns show there has not been a great change in membership. While there has not been much increase in membership in any of the lodges, at the same time there has not been a large decrease from the usual causes of dimitt or suspension for N.P.D. The lodges have endeavored to avoid suspending brethren who owing to present conditions are in arrears. Their consideration in this respect is to be commended. Undoubtedly the arrears of dues are larger than they should be, but the prospects

are good this year for improvement in this regard. The cash balances in all the lodges are small, but the members are determined to keep within their expenses and take every opportunity to reduce their overhead.

The meetings are well attended, in spite of the fact that very little degree work in the regular way is put on. The interest in the meetings is being maintained by discussions on the Masonic problems of the times and also by having addresses on Masonic and other subjects, as well as calling upon the brethren who have musical talent to aid in the entertainment. I also find the lodges are encouraging the practice of visiting each other, which exchanges have done much to maintain and extend the fraternal spirit among Masons in this district.

When conditions improve, I feel assured that Masonic District No. 16 will be one of the first to recover, and with the lessons learned maintain a high standard on a solid foundation.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to the brethren of the district for the honor they conferred in electing me to this important office, in which I have endeavored to discharge my duties to the best of my ability.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. R. FULTON,
D.D.G.M., District No. 16.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Holden, May 27, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration my report on Masonic District No. 17 for the year 1931-32.

It seems to me that throughout the district Masonry is making for itself a larger and more definite place in the minds and hearts of the brethren and that more and more they are realizing the true worth of the tenets and principles we are striving to inculcate. A keener conception of all that we stand for is resulting in the raising of the standards of the individual brethren and, through them, of the constituent lodges. Then, too, under existing economic conditions few are offering themselves for initiation and some of those who were not, in the first place, satisfactory material, are drifting from our fold or being dropped for N.P.D. A general, and I think quite apparent, improvement is in evidence and perhaps in this respect at least the stress of present conditions has a compensating value.

Dealing with the problems sent by the Grand Master to be submitted to our constituent lodges, I have to report that there is no particular demand for a change in the method of instructing the brethren by the Custodian of the Work, although some lodges suggest that his duties might be separated from those of the Grand Secretary so that the Custodian could be in the lodge and observe and, if necessary, criticize the opening of each District Meeting.

A divergence of opinion exists as to the advisability of attending Divine Service in regalia. However, the preponderance of thought suggests that the matter be left as it is now, at the discretion of the Grand Master.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Holden on October 5th and while we had a splendid meeting the attendance, owing to unfavorable weather conditions, was not so large as anticipated.

The M. W. the Grand Master was accompanied by the Grand Secretary and R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull, D.D.G.M. of District No. 10, and I had the honor to receive these distinguished brethren with Grand Honors, after the lodge had been opened by the officers of Dynamic Lodge, No. 96. Brief but informative and satisfactory reports were submitted by the Masters of all lodges represented and pertinent and instructive observations offered by the Grand Master after each report. The question box received close attention from all and many problems of general interest were discussed and explained by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

A sumptuous banquet was served by the United Church Ladies' Aid at the supper hour and many complimentary remarks as to the efficiency and sufficiency of the service were observed. Upon our return to lodge we were favored by a splendid address from the Grand Master which was listened to with rapt attention by all present. It is safe to say that a more inspiring oration has not, for many years, been heard in this district and his timely and well considered offering will long be remembered by those who were privileged to hear him. W. Bro. J. A. Waite of Victory Lodge, No. 112, was elected D.D.G.M. for 1932-33, and our next District Meeting will be held in Chauvin. The meeting was closed in an efficient manner by the officers of Palestine Lodge, No. 46.

BUFFALO PARK LODGE, No. 44

Accompanied by the District Secretary and the D.D.G.M. elect, an official visit was paid to this lodge upon the occasion of their regular meeting on November 4th. This is the senior and largest lodge in our district and while the attendance upon this occasion was not particularly good we were greeted by a live and interesting, as well as an earnest group of brethren. They own and occupy a spacious and well appointed hall which is utilized also for social and other gatherings. There was no degree work but the regular routine was carried on in a dignified and efficient manner by W. Bro. Cork and his officers. All are alert and alive to the interests and well-being of the Fraternity in general and of their lodge in particular and despite economic conditions they are making progress and looking well to the future.

Their Historical Register was lost in a general conflagration about two years ago, but a determined effort is being made to rewrite this with the aid of several of the senior members. Their financial position is reasonably good and under normal conditions they will have little difficulty in carrying on. The existing depression, however, has affected the revenue from their hall, but they are nevertheless operating within their income and finding funds with which to relieve the occasional instance of distress which is brought to their attention.

The evening closed with an interesting and profitable social hour, after which some time was pleasantly occupied at carpet bowls which

we found very enjoyable. We were splendidly entertained at Wainwright and our sincere thanks must be extended to all the brethren and particularly to W. Bros. Cork and Cuthbertson, who anticipated all our wants and saw to it that our stay was both pleasant and profitable. Our sincere thanks, brethren. The memory of your hospitality will remain with us for many years.

PALESTINE LODGE, No. 46

Upon the occasion of my official visit to Palestine Lodge on April 20, 1932, there was no degree work exemplified, but the regular work was carried on in an efficient and business-like manner with W. Bro. R. B. Wilson in the chair. All roads that evening were in poor condition, and in consequence the attendance was not large.

There is in evidence here a pleasing Masonic spirit as well as a commendable zeal for the growth and well-being of their lodge:

Bro. W. H. Lovell is an earnest and efficient secretary and has his records in good shape. In common with other lodges they are experiencing a certain amount of difficulty in financing, but Palestine Lodge is carrying on and meeting their problems in a splendid Masonic manner. A considerable amount of arrears of dues is still on the books, but the secretary is working diligently on the problems and while urging payment in each case, is striving to deal fairly and charitably with the delinquent brethren.

The Historical Register is fairly well up to date and contains many items of interest. By the voluntary efforts of several well-skilled brethren the furnishings of the lodge have recently been substantially improved and the room now presents a very complete and pleasing aspect.

CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 69

I paid my official visit to this lodge on April 19, 1932, when I was accompanied by the Wardens and Senior Deacon from Dynamic Lodge, in addition to the District Secretary. There was no degree work exemplified but a candidate for affiliation was elected and was later introduced to the lodge by R. W. Bro. McAthey, who was in the chair owing to the unavoidable absence through illness of the Master, W. Bro. Hardy.

The business of the lodge, including the opening and closing, was well conducted, the officers carrying their parts in a precise and dignified manner. The brethren were attentive and showed an appreciative interest.

The matter of Masonic Education and Research is engaging commendable attention and two well informed brethren gave carefully prepared and informative addresses on interesting phases of our work. The well skilled Past Masters of Connaught Lodge are, by their unstinted support, a real pillar of strength to the officers. There was a fairly good attendance with ten visitors from sister lodges. The Connaught brethren are now arranging details of a commendable plan to encourage more general visitations among the lodges of the district.

The Secretary's records were in excellent condition and the finances of the lodge in good shape. The Historical Register should be brought up to date and an assurance was given that this would be done.

After the lodge was closed the brethren and visitors spent a most enjoyable hour at the festive board after which a number of short

addresses were delivered. The toastmaster, W. Bro. C. G. Purvis, conducted the social hour in an efficient and very pleasing manner.

DYNAMIC LODGE No. 96

This is my own lodge and while I have attended all meetings during the year, I paid my official visit on May 4th last. There is evident, I think, a pleasing improvement in the efficiency and personnel of this lodge, a steady advance along the right lines being apparent and further progress assured. W. Bro. James and his officers have their duties well in hand and, while the arrears of dues are substantial, the problem is receiving unremitting attention and the amount outstanding is steadily being reduced to normal proportions. A number of brethren from Palestine Lodge, Tofield, were welcome visitors that evening and an address on the Symbols of Masonry by one of their number, Bro. J. Chapman, an earnest and studious brother, was received with close attention. The books and records are in splendid shape due to the careful attention of the Secretary, Bro. G. H. Shieman. Our Ancient Landmarks are well preserved and I am confident that Dynamic Lodge will continue to prosper along proper lines.

ALBION LODGE, No. 97

Accompanied by the District Secretary and the D.D.G.M. elect, W. Bro. J. A. Waite, I paid an official visit to this lodge on November 5th last. The brethren occupy a new hall owned by themselves, the use of which is confined entirely to the lodge. It is well built, meets their needs fully and reflects great credit on the enthusiasm and energy of the Chauvin brethren. The building is about one-half paid for and arrangements to retire the balance are under consideration. From the enthusiasm and interest displayed it is quite evident that little difficulty will be experienced in retiring this indebtedness in full within a reasonable time.

No degree work was observed but the officers, with W. Bro. F. N. Fahner in the East, carried out their duties with becoming earnestness and dignity. They have had little degree work for some years and it would be well to exemplify each degree at least once each year in order to insure the proper proficiency on the part of their officers. Their books and financial records are well and carefully kept and the Secretary and Treasurer co-operate in such a way as to give their lodge a real business administration. Unfortunately the Historical Register has been neglected for several years, but I was assured that an effort was then under way to have it brought up to date. I feel sure that the Chauvin brethren will attack this problem with their usual energy so that my successor will be able to report it to be in exemplary shape.

Thanks to their business administration, their outstanding dues are negligible which is a splendid indication of their sound and healthy condition. Being situated at the extreme end of the district it is somewhat difficult for them to keep in touch with their neighboring lodges as they would wish. I urged upon them the advisability of attending every District Meeting in force and of visiting neighboring lodges as often as possible. They have a hopeful future, are building well and can be depended upon to maintain unsullied the tenets and principles of the Craft.

EDGERTON LODGE, No. 102

Accompanied by the District Secretary, I visited our Edgerton brethren on November 23rd. Owing to weather conditions it was necessary to make the journey by train and our somewhat late arrival found

the lodge already in session. This was their first meeting since August, it having been found advisable to suspend during September and October as the majority of the members are farmers who found it impossible to attend during the fall. The brethren have purchased a building which has been converted into a lodge hall and they now have the satisfaction of owning their own place of meeting. The purchase of this will not be financially burdensome and while the building is quite small, it meets their needs and its acquisition reflects the progressive spirit of the local brethren. The Minute Book and financial records were in good order but the Historical Register contains no entries since 1922. The officers were strongly urged by both the District Secretary and myself to remedy this omission and we sincerely hope that our suggestion will be acted upon. It is difficult to obtain a proper record of events occurring ten years ago and much easier and more satisfactory to maintain an up-to-date record.

W. Bro. Mitchell is striving earnestly to build up his lodge along sound constructive lines and while the outlook for an increase in membership is not particularly promising, I feel sure that the zeal of the present members will compensate for their lack of numerical strength.

VICTORY LODGE, No. 112

On May 5th it was a privilege to be again able to visit Victory Lodge, No. 112, of which I have the honor to be a charter member and Past Master.

There was no degree work exemplified but with W. Bro. R. S. Lisson in the chair the regular proceedings were carried on with becoming earnestness and effectiveness. Notwithstanding the comparatively recent loss sustained by these brethren in the destruction by fire of their hall with all properties and records, they have arranged new quarters and are carrying on in an efficient and Masonic manner and splendidly upholding our Ancient Landmarks. The membership is not large and nearly half are non-resident, leaving a considerable burden on the few active resident brethren. However, the attendance, everything considered, was satisfactory, a number of stalwarts from Gratton Lodge, Irma, led by my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Pryce Jones, being, as usual, in attendance.

The Secretary, together with other officers and brethren, are striving to rewrite their Historical Register and considerable progress has already been made. Their finances are in good shape and the brethren are to be commended for their zeal under trying circumstances.

GRATTON LODGE, No. 144

One of my first official duties was to grant this lodge permission to remove their charter to a new hall, their previous location having been found inadequate for their needs. Their new premises, which are shared with other fraternal organizations, were recently erected, are ample in size, and well suited for their requirements.

Accompanied by the District Secretary and the D.D.G.M. elect, I paid this lodge my official visit on November 19th, finding the brethren to be under the efficient control of W. Bro. P. J. Hardy. There was no degree work but the regular routine was carried out in a dignified and business-like manner.

The financial affairs are in good shape and an excellent spirit of fellowship and of co-operation was clearly evident. Tribute is due to

the Secretary, W. Bro. L. A. Schon, for the neat and painstaking care shown in his work. The Minute Book is in excellent order and the Historical Register not only absolutely up to date but replete with information of Masonic and also of general interest to the community. Their financial affairs are in excellent order, they have no arrears of dues and the neat bank balance in both general and benevolent funds reflects great credit on the officials as well as the rank and file of their membership.

Inter-visitation is practised as well as preached and in consequence the brethren are enlarging the scope of their Masonic activities in a very pleasing manner. Gratton Lodge is building well, looking hopefully to the future and I am satisfied that their progress will be along sound and constructive lines.

I had the extreme pleasure of presenting, on this occasion, an engraved gold watch and chain to R. W. Bro. Pryce Jones, as a slight token of Masonic District No. 17's appreciation of his services as D.D. G.M. during 1930-31. The R. W. Bro. replied in fitting terms, voicing his appreciation of the gift and his desire to continue to be of service to the brethren in the district.

I should like to express appreciation of the genial and cordial hospitality of the Senior Warden, Bro. J. Fletcher, which assisted in no small degree to make our visit to Irma so pleasant.

It has been a great pleasure to serve Masonic District No. 17 and my gratitude and hearty thanks are extended to all for the splendid reception tendered me upon all occasions. I am particularly grateful to the District Secretary, W. Bro. Albert T. Stewart, for his unfailing attendance, hearty support and kindly counsel upon all occasions.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. FLEMING,

D.D.G.M., District No. 17:

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), "That the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s, be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

Report of the Grand Treasurer

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit to you my report as Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1932:

February 1st, 1931, Cash in Bank.....	\$ 3,314.12
Total Deposits.....	26,262.40
	\$29,576.52

Less:

Cheques issued.....	\$11,683.14
Transfer to Benevolent and Relief Funds	16,378.29
	\$28,061.43

January 31st, 1932, Cash in Bank.....	\$ 1,515.09
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A detailed account of above receipts and disbursements is fully set forth in the reports of the Grand Secretary and Auditor.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS SHARPE,
Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83), "That the Report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

STATEMENT OF BONDS

As at May 31st, 1932

(Fully Registered)	Rate	Amount	Date of Maturity
Dominion of Canada 5	per cent	\$ 100.00	15 Apr. '43
Dominion of Canada 4½	per cent	100.00	15 Oct. '44
Province of Alberta 6	per cent	4,000.00	15 Jan. '36
Province of Alberta 6	per cent	8,000.00	1 Apr. '36
Province of Alberta 5	per cent	3,000.00	1 Oct. '59
Province of Alberta 5	per cent	7,000.00	1 Jan. '48
Province of Alberta 5	per cent	12,500.00	15 Feb. '40
Province of Alberta 5	per cent	21,000.00	1 July '43
Province of Alberta 5	per cent	11,000.00	1 July '48
Province of Alberta 5	per cent	5,000.00	15 Feb. '40
Province of Alberta 4½	per cent	2,000.00	1 Oct. '58
Province of Alberta 4½	per cent	8,000.00	15 Oct. '54
Province of Alberta 4½	per cent	5,000.00	1 June '67
Province of Alberta 4½	per cent	5,000.00	1 Oct. '56
Province of Alberta 4½	per cent	5,000.00	15 Oct. '54
Province of Alberta 4½	per cent	6,000.00	1 June '67

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER—Continued

Province of Alberta	4½ per cent.	5,000.00	1 June '67
Province of Alberta	4½ per cent.	8,000.00	1 June '67
Province of Alberta	4 per cent.	5,353.33	1 June '38
City of Edmonton	5½ per cent.	3,000.00	1 Mar. '44
City of Edmonton	5½ per cent.	2,000.00	1 Nov. '45
City of Edmonton	5½ per cent.	1,000.00	1 Apr. '47
City of Edmonton	5 per cent.	8,000.00	1 Apr. '60
City of Edmonton	5 per cent.	5,000.00	1 Apr. '60
City of Calgary	5 per cent.	35,040.00	1 Jan. '43
City of Calgary	5 per cent.	2,000.00	15 June '45
City of Calgary	4½ per cent.	1,946.66	1 July '42

Total.....\$179,039.99

We hereby certify that we have carefully checked the bonds in the Safety Deposit Box in the Bank of Nova Scotia, and find the above statement to be correct.

THOMAS SHARPE,
Grand Treasurer.

WM. IRELAND, C.A.,
Auditor.

Report of the Grand Secretary

Calgary, June 8, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present the Twenty-seventh Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing a statement of monies received from lodges and lodge balances for the financial year ending January 31, 1932. A statement of receipts and expenditures and of the assets and liabilities as of that date will be found in the Auditor's Report. I also present a synopsis of the returns of the several lodges to December 31, 1931, together with a statement of certificates and charters issued; by-laws and amendments thereto; dispensations issued and all other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master and transactions of this office for the past year.

Proceedings

One thousand copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

Certificates

In accordance with section 71 of the Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 407 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 49 Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 139 Past Master Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

Charters

In compliance with instructions of Grand Lodge, charters were issued to the following lodges, and these lodges were duly constituted and their officers installed:

Sharon Lodge, No. 157, at Iron Springs, in the Seventh Masonic District, constituted July 15, 1931, by R. W. Bro. R. Douglas, P.D. D.G.M.

Berry Creek Lodge, No. 158, at Pollockville, in the Fourteenth Masonic District, constituted June 27, 1931, by M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, Grand Master.

Lucerne Lodge, No. 159, at Vauxhall, in the Second Masonic District, constituted July 22, 1931, by R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, D.G.M.

By-Laws

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-Laws of the following:

Sharon, No. 157.....Dec. 5, 1931

Amendments To By-Laws

Patricia, No. 91.....	June	24, 1931
Carbon, No. 107.....	Aug.	5, 1931
Champion, No. 84.....	Sept.	4, 1931
Acacia, No. 11.....	Oct.	21, 1931
Gratton, No. 144.....	Oct.	21, 1931
Joppa, No. 40.....	Oct.	23, 1931
Medicine Hat, No. 2.....	Nov.	27, 1931
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov.	27, 1931
Brooks, No. 73.....	Nov.	27, 1931
Renfrew, No. 134.....	Nov.	27, 1931
Jasper, No. 14.....	Dec.	5, 1931
Mizpah, No. 35.....	Dec.	5, 1931
Britannia, No. 18.....	Dec.	22, 1931
King George, No. 59.....	Dec.	22, 1931
Symbol, No. 93.....	Jan.	8, 1932
Kilwinning, No. 110.....	Jan.	25, 1932
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Jan.	25, 1932
Commercial, No. 81.....	Feb.	10, 1932
Carbon, No. 107.....	Feb.	10, 1932
Spirit River, No. 117.....	Feb.	17, 1932
Donalda, No. 150.....	Feb.	17, 1932
Standard, No. 152.....	Feb.	29, 1932
Edmonton, No. 7.....	Mar.	26, 1932
West Edmonton, No. 101.....	April	8, 1932
Melrose, No. 139.....	April	19, 1932
Alberta, No. 3.....	April	27, 1932
Perfection, No. 9.....	April	27, 1932
Strathcona, No. 77.....	May	19, 1932
Hussar, No. 130.....	May	19, 1932

DISPENSATIONS**To Wear Regalia at Divine Service**

Eureka, No. 10.....	June	16, 1931
Star of the West, No. 34.....	June	16, 1931
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	June	16, 1931
Charity, No. 67.....	June	22, 1931
Coronation, No. 72.....	June	24, 1931
Meridian, No. 129.....	Aug.	18, 1931
Hope, No. 38.....	Aug.	31, 1931
Vulcan, No. 74.....	Oct.	21, 1931
Manyberries, No. 133.....	Oct.	28, 1931
Granite, No. 127.....	Dec.	7, 1931
St. John's, No. 25.....	Mar.	30, 1932
Spirit River, No. 116.....	April	30, 1932
Hope, No. 38.....	May	11, 1932

To Hold Special Installations

Hope, No. 38.....	June	15, 1931
Edson, No. 68.....	June	15, 1931
Patricia, No. 91.....	June	15, 1931
Edgerton, No. 102.....	June	15, 1931
Jasper, No. 14.....	June	16, 1931
West Edmonton, No. 101.....	June	16, 1931
Waskatenau No. 154.....	June	16, 1931
Onoway, No. 138.....	June	23, 1931
Vermilion, No. 24.....	July	30, 1931
Empire No. 63.....	Nov.	27, 1931
Commercial, No. 81.....	Nov.	27, 1931
Dominion, No. 117.....	Nov.	27, 1931
Edmonton, No. 7.....	Nov.	28, 1931
Zetland, No. 83.....	Nov.	28, 1931
Ashlar, No. 28.....	Dec.	4, 1931
Mount Lebanon, No. 54.....	Dec.	4, 1931
Bow River, No. 1.....	Dec.	5, 1931
Unity, No. 51.....	Dec.	7, 1931
Strathcona, No. 77.....	Dec.	7, 1931
Concord, No. 124.....	Dec.	7, 1931
Calgary, No. 23.....	Dec.	8, 1931
Tuscan, No. 43.....	Dec.	8, 1931
Verdigris, No. 100.....	Dec.	8, 1931
Ancient Landmark, No. 109.....	Dec.	8, 1931
Apollo, No. 27.....	Dec.	12, 1931
Red Deer, No. 12.....	Dec.	14, 1931
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Dec.	14, 1931
Perfection, No. 9.....	Dec.	16, 1931
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Dec.	16, 1931
Earl Haig, No. 155.....	Dec.	17, 1931
Summit No. 30.....	Dec.	19, 1931
Victory, No. 112.....	Dec.	19, 1931
Sentinel, No. 26.....	Dec.	21, 1931
Westlock, No. 114.....	Dec.	21, 1931
Rocky Mountain, No. 86.....	Dec.	22, 1931
Crescent, No. 87.....	Dec.	23, 1931
Kenilworth, No. 29.....	Dec.	28, 1931
Meridian, No. 129.....	Dec.	28, 1931
Drumheller, No. 146.....	Dec.	28, 1931
Mayerthorpe, No. 148.....	Dec.	28, 1931
Lochearn, No. 151.....	Dec.	30, 1931
Hythe, No. 156.....	Jan.	6, 1932
Hand Hill, No. 98.....	Jan.	14, 1932
Melrose, No. 139.....	Jan.	22, 1932

To Hold Special Elections

Monitor, No. 120.....	Nov.	7, 1931
Hythe, No. 156.....	Dec.	9, 1931
Pembina, No. 126.....	Dec.	11, 1931
Quarry, No. 70.....	Dec.	17, 1931
Patricia, No. 91.....	April	13, 1932

To Elect and Invest Out of Time

Tawatinaw, No. 71.....	June	23, 1931
Vermilion, No. 24.....	July	30, 1931

Norwood, No. 90.....	Oct.	21, 1931
Champion, No. 84.....	Mar.	7, 1932
Craigmyle, No. 132.....	April	4, 1932

To Invest Out of Time

Unity, No. 51.....	Dec.	28, 1931
Big Valley, No. 140.....	Dec.	31, 1931
Donalda, No. 150.....	Dec.	31, 1931
Bassano, No. 55.....	Jan.	7, 1932
Kitchener, No. 95.....	Jan.	12, 1932
Grande Prairie, No. 105.....	Feb.	22, 1932

To Change Regular Night of Meeting

Carstairs, No. 20.....	June	15, 1931
Acme, No. 60.....	June	16, 1931
Tawatinaw, No. 71.....	June	23, 1931
Mountain View, No. 16.....	Aug.	24, 1931
Alliance, No. 135.....	Sept.	16, 1931
St. John's, No. 25.....	Sept.	21, 1931
Unity, No. 51.....	Sept.	24, 1931
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Sept.	29, 1931
Renfrew, No. 134.....	Oct.	1, 1931
Summit, No. 30.....	Oct.	10, 1931
Foremost, No. 103.....	Oct.	21, 1931
Bassano, No. 55.....	Nov.	9, 1931
King Solomon, No. 41.....	Nov.	27, 1931
Acme, No. 60.....	Nov.	27, 1931
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov.	27, 1931
Coronation No. 72.....	Nov.	27, 1931
Rockyford, No. 123.....	Nov.	27, 1931
Mayerthorpe, No. 148.....	Nov.	27, 1931
Cavell, No. 125.....	Nov.	28, 1931
Verdigris, No. 100.....	Dec.	8, 1931
Morning Star, No. 79.....	Dec.	16, 1931
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Dec.	16, 1931
Fidelity, No. 76.....	Feb.	23, 1932
Coronation, No. 72.....	Mar.	9, 1932
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Mar.	9, 1932
Craigmyle, No. 132.....	Mar.	11, 1932
Excelsior, No. 80.....	April	7, 1932
Carstairs, No. 20.....	May	18, 1932
Symbol, No. 93.....	May	18, 1932
Rosebud, No. 149.....	May	23, 1932
Sharon, No. 157.....	May	26, 1932

To Act With Physical Defect

Jasper, No. 14.....	Mar.	2, 1932
Dominion, No. 117.....	Mar.	3, 1932
Zetland, No. 83.....	April	30, 1932

To Initiate Without Residence Qualifications

Hussar, No. 130.....	June	26, 1931
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Aug.	7, 1931

To Install W. M. Who Has Not Served Twelve Months as Warden
Commercial, No. 81.....Dec. 9, 1931

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Kentucky, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. Stephen H. Fields, of Pikeville, Kentucky, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Tennessee, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed Bro. L. C. Ogle, of Etowah, Tennessee, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Alberta, R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, of Olds, Alberta, was commissioned as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, near this Grand Lodge.

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

Revision of the Constitution

M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, Chairman; M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis and R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes.

Grand Master's Address

M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, Chairman; M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid, and M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden.

Grand Secretary's Report

M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, Chairman; M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, and R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman.

Fraternal Dead

R. W. Bro. W. G. White, Chairman; M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, and R. W. Bro. W. T. H. Cripps.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership December 31, 1930.....14,214

Increase

Initiated.....	355	
Passed.....	374	
Raised.....	407	
Joined.....	249	
Reinstated.....	36	
Total Increase.....		640

Decrease

Dimitted.....	368	
Suspended N.P.D.....	338	
Suspended U.M.C.....	1	
Died.....	119	
Total Decrease.....		826
Net Decrease.....		186

Total Membership, December 31, 1931.....14,028

It should be noted with a mark of commendation that the lodges have, as a whole, promptly met their dues and accounts with Grand Lodge. The returns have been sent in in reasonable time, with but very few exceptions. While no fines were imposed for delay in making returns, a few lodges should have been disciplined in this manner, but owing to general conditions it was felt that some leniency should be exercised.

The new form for making returns has been very successful, but there are still a number of Secretaries who seem to think that the information asked for is superfluous, for they continue to give initials instead of Christian names, and omit date of birth, age and place of residence quite frequently. It should be impressed on all Secretaries that every item asked for on the return should be completely filled in. I refer to these omissions because it entails much unnecessary correspondence to obtain this information, which is essential.

There seems to be a very general misunderstanding of the rules, regulations and usages in connection with the receiving and acting on the petitions of applicants who have not the requisite residence qualification and also of those who, owing to some physical defect, can only be accepted under the Grand Master's dispensation. Several lodges have received and acted on such applications and have then applied to the Grand Master for a dispensation to initiate. In such cases it is necessary to obtain the Grand Master's permission by dispensation before receiving and acting on the petition. The neglect to do this has given rise to a good deal of misunderstanding and occasioned inconvenience and possible distress to the applicant.

During the year I have had many requests for mailing lists of our Secretaries and lodges and in some cases the names and addresses of our members. While many of these were from Masonic publishing concerns, some were from individuals, basing their claims to the same on Masonic connection. I have refused to supply these in all cases and have endeavored to impress upon the Secretaries of lodges that in no case are they to give out such mailing lists.

Three lodges suffered severe loss by fire this year, Big Valley, No. 140, Hussar, No. 130, and Sharon, No. 157, but fortunately in each case their books and records were saved. Two, however, had their charters destroyed. These were replaced as promptly as possible. It may be of interest to note that one, the charter for Big Valley Lodge, had to be sent to England for the signature of the Senior Grand Warden who was enjoying a well earned holiday there. I might add that in each of these cases the material loss was reasonably covered by insurance.

I cannot conclude without expressing my appreciation of the way in which the lodges, as a whole, have co-operated with this office during, what has been rather a difficult year. Conditions have not made it easy for them financially yet they have met their obligations well. In short, adversity seems to have drawn the membership together in a determined effort to surmount their difficulties, and with such a spirit we can feel assured of the stability and permanence of our Fraternity.

Faternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,

Grand Secretary.

Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year Ending January 31st, 1932

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge

Monies received between February 1, 1931, and January 31, 1932

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River.....	\$465.85	40.	Joppa.....	70.80
2.	Medicine Hat.....	394.80	41.	King Solomon	87.65
3.	Alberta	153.35	42.	Bowden.....	88.55
4.	North Star.....	394.40	43.	Tuscan.....	127.60
5.	Cascade.....	234.25	44.	Buffalo Park.....	116.00
6.	Spitzie.....	126.40	45.	Ionic.....	77.60
7.	Edmonton.....	512.25	46.	Palestine.....	100.70
8.	Innisfail.....	57.65	47.	Chinook.....	65.75
9.	Perfection.....	990.00	49.	Robert Burns.....	74.30
10.	Eureka.....	229.50	50.	Comet.....	35.00
11.	Acacia.....	328.95	51.	Unity.....	710.80
12.	Red Deer.....	236.20	53.	Strathmore.....	168.70
13.	Victoria.....	166.77	54.	Mount Lebanon..	366.75
14.	Jasper.....	296.65	55.	Bassano.....	159.40
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	164.10	56.	Beaver.....	119.30
16.	Mountain View ..	123.75	57.	Grassy Lake.....	107.70
17.	Nanton.....	217.55	58.	Chief Mountain..	131.00
18.	Britannia.....	158.05	59.	King George.....	783.40
19.	Cornerstone.....	323.60	60.	Acme.....	55.42
20.	Carstairs.....	93.70	61.	Provost.....	58.85
21.	King Hiram.....	97.35	62.	Coal.....	47.25
22.	Corinthian.....	318.20	63.	Empire.....	265.95
23.	Calgary.....	405.55	64.	Bow Island.....	80.20
24.	Vermilion.....	199.50	65.	Diamond City	94.10
25.	St. John's.....	206.10	66.	St. Andrew's.....	99.25
26.	Sentinel.....	157.95	67.	Charity.....	164.10
27.	Apollo.....	218.05	68.	Edson.....	271.25
28.	Ashlar.....	375.25	69.	Connaught.....	117.45
29.	Kenilworth.....	181.45	70.	Quarry.....	89.15
30.	Summit.....	94.80	71.	Tawatinaw.....	54.45
31.	Doric.....	60.30	72.	Coronation.....	195.55
32.	Cairo.....	137.65	73.	Brooks.....	169.60
33.	Stavely.....	99.65	74.	Vulcan.....	89.25
34.	Star of the West..	69.95	75.	Harmony.....	78.00
35.	Mizpah.....	202.30	76.	Fidelity.....	150.00
36.	Gleichen.....	76.90	77.	Strathcona.....	310.70
37.	Camrose.....	263.00	78.	Hanna.....	185.30
38.	Hope.....	75.15	79.	Morning Star.....	63.90
39.	Lethbridge.....	285.40	80.	Excelsior.....	75.33

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
81.	Commercial.....	291.45	127.	Granite.....	135.00
82.	Acadia.....	94.00	128.	Forestburg.....	76.50
83.	Zetland.....	388.60	129.	Meridian.....	35.75
84.	Champion.....	88.80	130.	Hussar.....	75.40
85.	Suffield.....	152.75	131.	Kitscoty.....	161.00
86.	Rocky Mountain..	133.25	132.	Craigmyle.....	52.90
87.	Crescent.....	414.05	133.	Manyberries.....	66.00
88.	Wahpun.....	75.55	134.	Renfrew.....	254.05
89.	Peace River.....	51.75	135.	Alliance.....	68.20
90.	Norwood.....	212.35	136.	Cresset.....	69.50
91.	Patricia.....	1222.00	137.	Irricana.....	96.70
92.	Saskatchewan.....	212.20	138.	Onoway.....	61.95
93.	Symbol.....	483.30	139.	Melrose.....	57.80
94.	Lamont.....	41.50	140.	Big Valley.....	99.00
95.	Kitchener.....	74.15	141.	Efficiency.....	49.40
96.	Dynamic.....	128.70	142.	Ivanhoe.....	340.40
97.	Albion.....	53.22	143.	Jasper Park.....	241.35
98.	Hand Hill.....	98.40	144.	Gratton.....	62.60
100.	Verdigris.....	122.00	145.	St. Alban's.....	100.75
101.	West Edmonton ..	318.05	146.	Drumbheller.....	110.55
102.	Edgerton.....	57.65	147.	Northland.....	60.55
103.	Foremost.....	77.10	148.	Mayerthorpe....	59.44
104.	Oyen.....	58.75	149.	Rosebud.....	21.75
105.	Grande Prairie... .	172.50	150.	Donalda.....	41.20
106.	Lake Saskatoon... .	93.75	151.	Lochearn.....	144.90
107.	Carbon.....	122.50	152.	Standard.....	44.45
108.	Pyramid.....	73.75	153.	Whitecourt.....	75.50
109.	Ancient Landmark	81.80	154.	Waskatenau.....	37.00
110.	Kilwinning.....	86.75	155.	Earl Haig.....	49.20
111.	Nobleford.....	55.80	156.	Hythe.....	104.55
112.	Victory.....	57.50	157.	Sharon.....	54.45
113.	Cyprus.....	79.15	158.	Berry Creek.....	12.15
114.	Westlock.....	147.60	159.	Lucerne.....	56.80
115.	Crocus.....	82.70		U.D. Sexsmith.....	105.00
116.	Spirit River.....	160.45		Masonic District No. 6..	85.00
117.	Dominion.....	172.25		Masonic District No. 8..	50.00
118.	St. Mark's.....	207.65		Masonic District No. 9..	150.97
119.	York.....	92.30		Masonic District No. 11..	50.00
120.	Monitor.....	75.50		Masonic District No. 14..	85.00
121.	Clive.....	52.95		Masonic District No. 15..	50.00
122.	Rising Sun.....	109.25		Masonic District No. 16..	85.45
123.	Rockyford.....	101.25			
124.	Concord.....	250.40		Sundries.....	13.50
125.	Cavell.....	109.80			
126.	Pembina.....	77.25			
					Total.....\$26,262.40

LEDGER BALANCES

As at January 31, 1932

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2.	Medicine Hat.....	\$ 4.80	11.	Acacia.....	2.80
3.	Alberta.....	1.10	13.	Victoria.....	13.78
6.	Spitzie.....	6.25	15.	Wetaskiwin.....	.10
8.	Innisfail.....	.80	18.	Britannia.....	.15
9.	Perfection.....	1.75	19.	Cornerstone.....	1.95

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
20.	Carstairs.....	3.45	108.	Pyramid.....	.50
22.	Corinthian.....	4.15	109.	Ancient Landmark	4.15
23.	Calgary.....	9.50	110.	Kilwinning.....	.15
24.	Vermilion.....	1.50	111.	Nobleford.....	9.20
26.	Sentinel.....	2.00	112.	Victory.....	4.20
29.	Kenilworth.....	1.07	113.	Cyprus.....	11.45
33.	Stavely.....	1.85	114.	Westlock.....	9.45
34.	Star of the West..	4.70	118.	St. Mark's.....	3.10
36.	Gleichen.....	.40	120.	Monitor.....	101.40
37.	Camrose.....	.60	121.	Clive.....	3.90
38.	Hope.....	18.45	122.	Rising Sun.....	.15
39.	Lethbridge.....	.65	123.	Rockyford.....	4.35
43.	Tuscan.....	.30	124.	Concord.....	2.60
45.	Ionic.....	17.57	126.	Pembina.....	.15
47.	Chinook.....	.90	127.	Granite.....	16.80
48.	Crossfield.....	124.95	128.	Forestburg.....	37.80
50.	Comet.....	1.00	129.	Meridian.....	1.55
55.	Bassano.....	2.90	131.	Kitscoty.....	2.55
56.	Beaver.....	.55	132.	Craigmyle.....	.95
57.	Grassy Lake.....	4.00	134.	Renfrew.....	.90
60.	Acme.....	.13	136.	Cresset.....	.40
61.	Provost.....	2.50	137.	Irricana.....	38.70
63.	Empire.....	2.50	139.	Melrose.....	1.05
64.	Bow Island.....	.60	142.	Ivanhoe.....	.50
66.	St. Andrew's.....	4.80	143.	Jasper Park.....	.85
68.	Edson.....	1.15	144.	Gratton.....	.65
70.	Quarry.....	10.85	145.	St. Alban's.....	.15
71.	Tawatinaw.....	4.30	146.	Drumheller.....	1.15
72.	Coronation.....	.45	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	.41
75.	Harmony.....	13.65	149.	Rosebud.....	.55
76.	Fidelity.....	54.70	152.	Standard.....	1.00
77.	Strathcona.....	.25	153.	Whitecourt.....	18.40
79.	Morning Star.....	3.30	154.	Waskatenau.....	1.25
81.	Commercial.....	1.55	155.	Earl Haig.....	2.00
82.	Acadia.....	1.45	156.	Hythe.....	4.40
88.	Wahpun.....	50.80	158.	Berry Creek.....	45.55
89.	Peace River.....	104.80	159.	Lucerne.....	1.90
90.	Norwood.....	.45		U.D. Sexsmith.....	89.60
94.	Lamont.....	.65		Masonic District No. 4..	85.00
95.	Kitchener.....	1.65		Masonic District No. 9..	10.58
96.	Dynamic.....	6.80		Masonic District No. 10.	6.00
97.	Albion.....	.30		Masonic District No. 15.	.15
98.	Hand Hill.....	4.30		Masonic District No. 14.	84.00
102.	Edgerton.....	1.50			
103.	Foremost.....	2.00			
107.	Carbon.....	3.60			
					Total.....\$1,122.54

CREDIT BALANCES

As at January 31, 1932

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
4.	North Star.....	\$ 3.30	85.	Suffield.....	211.87
5.	Cascade.....	18.00	86.	Rocky Mountain..	3.10
10.	Eureka.....	6.25	87.	Crescent.....	2.00
12.	Red Deer.....	.35	93.	Symbol.....	8.30
14.	Jasper.....	.50	100.	Verdigris.....	.30
16.	Mountain View...	.90	101.	West Edmonton ..	.50
17.	Nanton.....	3.40	104.	Oyen.....	.90
21.	King Hiram.....	1.37	105.	Grande Prairie....	9.45
25.	St. John's.....	8.80	106.	Lake Saskatoon...	.50
27.	Apollo.....	.40	115.	Crocus.....	.35
31.	Doric.....	.10	116.	Spirit River.....	.60
32.	Cairo.....	1.25	117.	Dominion.....	.10
35.	Mizpah.....	.10	119.	York.....	21.50
42.	Bowden.....	3.35	125.	Cavell.....	.20
44.	Buffalo Park.....	.75	130.	Hussar.....	.10
46.	Palestine.....	2.80	133.	Manyberries.....	.75
49.	Robert Burns.....	.25	135.	Alliance.....	.25
51.	Unity.....	4.80	138.	Onoway.....	.55
53.	Strathmore.....	6.85	140.	Big Valley.....	2.10
58.	Chief Mountain...	.15	141.	Efficiency.....	.20
62.	Coal.....	4.00	147.	Northland.....	1.50
65.	Diamond City....	1.90	150.	Donalda.....	3.90
67.	Charity.....	1.00	151.	Lochearn.....	1.40
69.	Connaught.....	.70		Masonic District No. 5..	.10
74.	Vulcan.....	.25		Masonic District No. 11.	.10
78.	Hanna.....	1.45		Masonic District No. 12.	1.50
80.	Excelsior.....	.30			
83.	Zetland.....	2.00			
84.	Champion.....	6.80			
				Total.....	\$354.19

INTEREST ACCOUNT

As at January 31, 1932

Dominion, Provincial and Municipal Bonds, Benevolent Fund.....	\$1,879.73
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

Calgary, May 27th, 1932.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I have conducted an audit of the books and records of the Grand Secretary for the fiscal year ended 31st January, 1932, and submit herewith the following statements:

Balance Sheet of the General and Benevolent Funds as at January 31st, 1932.

Revenue Account showing the result of the Income and Expenditures for the fiscal period.

Comparative Statement of Revenue Account for the past five years.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the General Fund, and also the Relief and Benevolent Funds for the year ended January 31st, 1932.

I have to report that all my requirements as Auditor have been complied with. Your Finance Committee have scrutinized all accounts and bills, and have passed same for payment. The balances in the several Bank Accounts have been verified and certified to me by the Bank Manager.

It is very gratifying to note that the balances due from the Lodges are greatly reduced over last year, and the Lodges are to be commended for their remittances, especially during a time of such financial depression.

The Benevolent and Relief Fund Accounts have been carefully examined. The increase in the Grants by the Benevolent Committee from the Relief Fund over last year amounted to only \$37.52, which is also a matter for appreciation of the Committee's work.

The statements do not call for any special comment, the net result of the year's operation being a loss of \$378.23. This, it is hoped, will be overcome by the increase in the Membership Fees, which comes into force this year.

I have examined the Securities held, and found same to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant
Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1932

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
General Fund:		General Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....\$	1,515.09	Balances due to Lodges	\$ 142.32
Balances due from Lodges.....	1,122.54	Defunct Lodge Balances.....	211.87
Books, Stationery and Supplies on hand.....	4,624.17	Balance due Benevolent Fund.....	1,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,727.47	Unexpired Proportion of Life Memberships.....	621.07
Regalia.....	809.13	Surplus Account:	
	<u> \$ 10,798.40</u>	Balance Feb. 1, 1931.....\$	9,701.37
		Less Excess of Expenditure over Income.....	878.23
			<u> \$8,823.14</u>
			<u> \$ 10,798.40</u>
Benevolent Fund:		Benevolent Fund Capital Account:	
Balances in Bank of Nova Scotia:		Balance Feb. 1, 1931.....\$	161,850.56
Savings Account, Relief Fund....	9,701.50	Plus additions during year.....	6,999.94
Savings Account, Benev't. Fund :	2,078.72		<u> \$168,850.50</u>
Investments:		Relief Fund:	
Provincial and Municipal Government Bonds (Par \$179,039.99)		Balance Feb. 1, 1931.....\$	17,531.95
Cost.....	175,180.20	Plus additions during year.....	3,457.70
Balance due from General Fund....	1,000.00		<u> \$ 20,989.65</u>
Accrued Interest.....	1,879.73		<u> \$189,840.15</u>
	<u> \$189,840.15</u>		<u> \$200,638.55</u>
			<u> \$200,638.55</u>

Calgary, May 27th, 1932.

I certify the foregoing Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct statement of the Financial position of Grand Lodge as disclosed by their books and information supplied.

WM. IRELAND, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**REVENUE ACCOUNT**

For 12 Months ended 31st January, 1932

By Membership Fees.....	\$	6,972.25	
Initiation Fees.....		778.00	
Certificate Fees.....		1,043.00	
Charter Fees.....		115.00	
Dispensations.....		255.00	
Life Membership Fees.....		165.93	
Supplies Sold.....		1,076.35	
Regalia Sales.....		727.55	
Gross Income.....	\$	11,133.08	
To Cost of Supplies Sold:			
Inventory February 1, 1931.....	\$	4,621.39	
Purchases.....		640.01	
	\$	5,261.40	
Less Inventory Jan. 31, 1932.....		4,624.17	
			637.23
To Cost of Regalia Sales.....			703.30
To Office Expenses:			
Salaries.....	\$	4,905.00	
Rent and Light.....		1,140.00	
Postage and Express.....		277.86	
Telephones and Telegrams.....		158.43	
Janitor Service.....		188.85	
Office Supplies and Stationery...		136.30	
General Expenses.....		199.75	
			7,006.19
To Printing.....	\$	1,478.99	
Travelling and Grand Officers'			
Expenses.....		1,154.80	
Grand Lodge Expenses.....		461.10	
Exchange.....		1.20	
Insurance.....		168.50	
			3,264.59
To Depreciation:			
Furniture and Fixtures.....		300.00	
Regalia.....		100.00	
			400.00
			12,011.31
Excess of Expenditure Over Income.....	\$		878.23

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BENEVOLENT FUND**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st,
1931, to January 31st, 1932.

To	Balance in Bank, February 1, 1931	\$ 1,450.21	
	Proceeds from Agreement of Sale.....	150.00	
	Payment of Loan.....	100.00	
	Grand Lodge Dues	9,406.04	
	Interest on Savings Account.....	41.44	
By	Investments in Bonds.....		9,055.22
	Expense Transferring Property.....		13.75
	Balance in Savings Account.....		2,078.72
		<u>\$11,147.69</u>	<u>\$11,147.69</u>

RELIEF FUND

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st,
1931, to January 31st, 1932

To	Balance in Bank, February 1, 1931	\$ 8,434.79	
	Donations and Refunds from Lodges.....	464.42	
	Grand Lodge Dues	6,972.25	
	Interest on Bonds.....	8,534.65	
	Interest on Savings Account.....	123.35	
	Interest on Agreement of Sale.....	5.65	
By	Investment in Bonds.....		2,000.00
	Cheques Issued on Grants.....		12,833.61
	Balance in Bank.....		9,701.50
		<u>\$24,535.11</u>	<u>\$24,535.11</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1931, to January 31st, 1932

RECEIPTS

To Balance, February 1st, 1931.....	\$ 3,314.12
To Receipts from Lodges.....	26,262.40

DISBURSEMENTS

By Books and Stationery.....	640.01
Salaries.....	4,905.00
Printing.....	1,478.99
Travelling and Grand Officers' Expenses.....	1,154.80
Rent.....	1,140.00
Postage and Express.....	277.86
Office and General Expenses.....	336.05
Janitor Service.....	188.85
Telephones and Telegrams.....	158.43
Insurance.....	168.50
Interest and Exchange.....	52.95
	\$ 10,501.44
Grand Lodge Expense.....	294.60
Regalia.....	869.80
Transferred to Relief Fund.....	6,972.25
Transferred to Benevolent Fund.....	9,406.04
Refund to District No. 2.....	17.30
Balance in Bank.....	1,515.09

\$ 29,576.52

\$ 29,576.52

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	1932	1931	1930	1929	1928
Earnings:					
Membership Fees.....	6,972.25	6,653.75	6,748.75	6,728.25	6,828.25
Initiation Fees.....	778.00	1,034.00	1,283.00	1,368.00	1,282.00
Certificate Fees.....	1,043.00	1,317.00	1,465.00	\$1,493.00	1,424.00
Charter Fees.....	115.00	45.00	115.00	150.00	90.00
Dispensations.....	255.00	313.00	293.00	352.00	372.00
Life Membership Fees.....	165.93	140.40	65.60	205.00	209.00
Profit on Supplies Sold.....	439.12	192.99	19.92	587.65	420.36
Regalia.....	24.25	56.82	9.80		
Fines.....		25.00	10.00	44.38	
Interest on Deposit Receipt.....					
	<u>9,792.55</u>	<u>9,777.96</u>	<u>10,010.07</u>	<u>10,928.28</u>	<u>10,625.61</u>
Income per member.....	69.8c	68.80c	71.27c	79.48c	79.38c
Expenditures:					
Rent and Light.....	1,140.00	920.00	1,045.00	838.50	744.00
Salaries.....	4,905.00	4,900.00	4,905.00	4,877.50	4,761.50
Postage and Express.....	277.86	277.91	343.50	233.37	265.04
Telephones and Telegrams.....	158.43	159.60	134.88	138.27	132.18
Janitor Service.....	188.85	142.00	119.50	110.25	90.00

Office Supplies and Stationery	136.30	178.95	248.80	266.25	276.83
General Expenses	199.75	124.10	145.33	426.09	189.06
Insurance	168.50	156.50	233.40	271.65	258.38
Printing	1,478.99	1,205.95	1,325.46	1,764.57	969.09
Travelling and Grand Officers' Expenses	1,154.80	834.90	1,003.45	1,142.10	704.51
Moving Expense		302.43	240.00		
Repairs		48.75	88.22		
Regalia Expense	166.50	189.00	198.35	161.09	364.80
Grand Lodge Expenses	294.60	787.95	749.53	531.65	
Exchange	1.20	1.00	1.15	1.05	
Depreciation	400.00	435.73	417.02	110.76	129.53
	<u>10,670.78</u>	<u>10,664.77</u>	<u>11,188.59</u>	<u>10,873.10</u>	<u>8,885.46</u>
Memberships	14,028	14,211	14,047	13,752	13,301
Cost Per Member	76.07c	75.05c	79.70c	79.50c	66.8c

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by W. Bro. H. J. Adams (78), "That the Report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, and that the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

W. Bro. The Ven. Archdeacon A. B. Roberts, P. M. of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 500, E.C., Kamptee, Nagpur, India, was then introduced by his brother, R. W. Bro. A. E. W. Roberts, D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 13, and was welcomed by the Grand Master.

W. Bro. Roberts had been travelling for about three months on leave from India, visiting many countries in the Orient from the Malay States to Japan and was staying over in Alberta to visit his brother, whom he had not seen for fifteen years. He expressed his appreciation of the opportunity accorded him to visit the Grand Lodge of Alberta during his brief stay in the province.

REPORT OF GRAND LIBRARIAN

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report as Grand Librarian of this Grand Lodge.

We have been favored with Proceedings from Grand Lodges with which we are in communication, also with copies of digests, codes, year books and periodicals, etc., for which we wish to make grateful acknowledgment. These periodicals contain many interesting articles and have been of assistance to the brethren preparing Masonic addresses for their lodges.

Our library, as yet, has not been catalogued. Consequently it is not always possible to pick out references when required, without considerable loss of time. Bro. F. Davis very kindly volunteered to catalogue the special addresses in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges on our library shelves and over three hundred of these special addresses are now catalogued and can be referred to at a moment's notice and is a splendid illustration of the value of such a list.

I am glad to report that the entire Circulating Library has been in use by the lodges this winter. In fact, I had to add to the number of volumes by taking those still remaining in stock, which were listed at half price owing to being damaged. Most of these books have been returned and an inspection will show that our travelling library needs renewing and several new titles might be added with great advantage.

The Grand Lodge Library has been used very freely also. Numerous requests have been made for loans of these books, but as they are here for reference purposes and must be available to members from lodges outside the city, I could not let them out. Such a request, in

particular, was made by the Masters' and Wardens' Association, which meets occasionally in the Temple and to whom I made the suggestion, that the city lodges combine their libraries, purchase a bookcase and secure permission from the Temple authorities to place it in the Temple, and I offered the services of this office in handling it as a circulating library for them.

I would recommend that a moderate sum be authorized for the purchase of new books for the reference library, in order to keep in touch with the latest Masonic thought.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,

Grand Librarian.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83), seconded by W. Bro. C. A. MacPherson (87), "That the Report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF AUDIT AND FINANCE

Calgary, June 8, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren.

Regular monthly meetings were held throughout the past year and careful consideration given to all matters under the jurisdiction of your committee. In particular, all accounts were carefully reviewed before payment was authorized and every effort made to keep expenses as low as possible.

The books and accounts of Grand Lodge have been audited for the twelve months ending January 31st, 1932, and the report of the Auditor accompanies the financial Statements submitted.

We present the following Financial Statements, copies of which have been printed and distributed to the brethren attending this communication.

Balance Sheet as at January 31st, 1932.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for twelve months ending January 31st, 1932, of the General Fund, Relief Fund and Benevolent Capital Fund.

Also a detailed Comparative Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the past five years.

Balance Sheet: The Balance Sheet shows Grand Lodge to be in excellent financial position. Total assets now amount to \$200,638.55 as compared with \$193,238.24 as at January 31st, 1931, an increase of \$7,400.31 during the year. Of these assets 6.64 per cent. are in cash and 88.25 per cent. in Provincial and Municipal Bonds. All payments on account of Real Estate sold by Grand Lodge have been completed and all loans due from brethren paid in full.

Assets — Balances Due From Lodges: The balances due from the 167 lodges and districts amount to only \$1,122.54 as compared with

\$1,983.62 outstanding at January 31st, 1931, a reduction of \$861.08. Of ninety-nine balances outstanding, seventy-three are under \$5.00; six from \$5. to \$10; nine from \$10 to \$20; three from \$20 to \$50; five from \$50 to \$100; three in excess of \$100. In view of the serious prevailing financial conditions we consider this a very satisfactory showing, but because of these conditions and the increase in our per capita dues of twenty cents per member, that it is desirable that per capita dues of \$1.70 be remitted to lodges on all members whose dues have been remitted by them as from January 1, 1932, and that the Finance Committee be authorized to take the necessary constitutional steps to put this into effect. (See amendment, page 113).

Total payments received from lodges during the past year amounted to \$26,262.40.

Books, Stationery and Supplies On Hand: The amount of these items, \$4,624.17, is practically the same as it was a year ago—\$4,621.39. The inventory is made at cost and includes the sum of \$1,144.50, being the value of 4,360 Constitutions on hand. As a new Constitution will, doubtless, be adopted by Grand Lodge, probably in about three years, and the stock on hand thus made obsolete, your committee recommends that one-third of the value of the Constitutions now in stock be written off yearly.

Gross profits for the year from the sale of books, stationery and supplies amounted to \$439.12 and \$24.25 from the sale of Regalia.

Furniture and Fixtures: This item is now listed at \$2,727.47, the sum of \$300.00 being written off for depreciation during the year.

Regalia: The value of this asset has been written down \$100 during the year.

Investments: Our investments are made up entirely of long term Dominion and Provincial Government Bonds and Bonds of the Cities of Calgary and Edmonton. The amount is shown on the Balance Sheet at cost—\$175,180.20; the par value is \$179,039.99. The interest return on these investments for the past year was 4.98%.

Balance Due From General Fund: Owing to a shortage of cash in the General Fund during the past three years, the per capita tax of fifty cents per member was not fully credited to the Benevolent Fund. This shortage has been treated as a loan on the books of Grand Lodge from the Benevolent Fund to the General Fund and amounted to \$3,433.79 as at January 31st, 1931. Through the realization of cash from the assets of the General Fund this account was reduced \$2,433.79 during the past year and now stands at \$1,000.00. It is confidently expected that this loan will be repaid during the current year.

Accrued Interest, \$1,879.73: This item represents accrued interest on our investments, all of which is promptly paid in at maturity.

Liabilities.—

Grand Lodge has no liabilities to the public.

Balances Due to Lodges, \$142.32: This amount is made up of fifty-four small current account balances.

Defunct Lodge Balance, \$211.87: This item is an amount standing at the credit of Suffield Lodge, No. 85, which surrendered its Charter.

Unexpired Portion of Life Membership, \$621.07: This item shows an increase of \$67.00 for the past year.

Surplus Account, \$8,823.14: shows a reduction of \$878.23 this amount being our operating loss for the year.

Benevolent Fund Capital Account: Additions to this fund during the year amounted to \$6,999.94, making the total amount at the credit of the Fund \$168,850.50 as compared with \$161,850.56 as at January 31st, 1931.

Relief Fund: Receipts of this Fund during the year amounted to \$16,100.32 and payments from the fund amounted to \$12,833.61 as compared with \$12,796.09 for the previous year. \$3,457.70 was added to the fund during the year, leaving a balance as at January 31st, 1932, of \$20,989.65. In view of this large balance your Committee recommend that the sum of \$15,000.00 be transferred from the Relief Fund to the Benevolent Capital Fund, as in their opinion the balance remaining, together with receipts throughout the current year from dues and interest on investments, will make ample provision for all required payments.

Revenue and Expenditure: We regret that we again have to report a loss of \$878.23 in the General Fund for the past year, as compared with \$956.56 for the year 1930-1931 and \$1,728.52 for the year 1929-1930;

Revenue: Total revenue amounted to \$11,133.08, or a decrease of \$258.00 as compared with the years 1930-1931 and \$804.00 as compared with the year 1929-1930.

As compared with the past year, increases are shown in the following:

Membership fees.....	\$318.00
Charter Fees.....	70.00
Life Membership Fees.....	25.00

Decreases are shown in initiation fees, \$254.00; Certificate fees, \$264.00; Dispensations, \$58.00; Fines, \$25.00.

Expenditure: Expenditures show a decrease of \$318.00 as compared with the previous year. There were increases in the following:

Rent and Light.....	\$220.00
Salaries.....	5.00
Janitor service.....	46.00
General Expense.....	75.00
Insurance.....	12.00
Printing, etc.....	273.00
Travelling Expenses, Grand Lodge Officers..	341.00

Decreases are shown in the following:

Office Supplies and Stationery.....	\$ 42.00
Grand Lodge Expense.....	795.00
Repairs, General.....	48.00
Repairs to Regalia.....	23.00
Special Grant.....	75.00
Depreciation.....	35.00

The accompanying detailed Comparative Statement of Receipts and Expenditures covering the past five years shows that there was an increase in the past year in revenue per member of 1 cent, and an increase in expenditure, per member, of 1.02 cents. This Statement also shows that there was a reduction in membership during the past year of 193.

In connection with the above it will be noted that payments under the resolution passed at the last Communication of Grand Lodge increasing dues 20 cents per member for the General Fund, only comes into effect with June 1932 returns. Considering prevailing conditions, as far as your committee can see, promise little or no improvement for some time to come, the necessity and wisdom for this increase in dues will be apparent to all.

Tenders for the printing of the Annual Proceedings were requested from the printers in Calgary and Edmonton the lowest tender received being that of the Albertan Job Press, Calgary, and your committee recommend its acceptance.

We recommend that R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland be appointed Auditor for the current year and that he be paid the sum of \$300.00 for his services during the past year.

We recommend that R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding, Grand Tyler, be paid \$20.00 and travelling expenses for his services at this Communication of Grand Lodge.

We recommend that in future cheques of \$5.00 and upwards sent to Grand Lodge by subordinate lodges in payment of their accounts be credited at par and that any exchange on these be charged by the Grand Secretary to General Expense.

We consider that a systematic replacement of worn out Grand Lodge regalia should at once be adopted and to that end recommend that the Finance Committee be empowered to purchase such new sets of regalia during the current year as in their opinion may be necessary.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNACHER,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, (26), "That the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and discussed clause by clause."

During the discussion of the various clauses, the following motions were made:

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. P. Long, (24), seconded by W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert, (24), "That R. W. Bro. Fielding be paid \$30.00 and travelling expenses." Motion lost.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, (35), seconded by V. W. Bro. M. J. Rogers, (133), "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee as to exchange be struck from the report." Motion lost.

Inasmuch as there were various interpretations placed on the clause referring to refund of Grand Lodge dues to lodges remitting dues of their members, it was resolved on motion of W. Bro. A. M. Venables, (28), seconded by M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, (28), "That the clause be referred back to the committee for clarification."

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, (28), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell, (86), "That the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be laid on the table until clause so clarified is submitted."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Calgary, June 8, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes met in the Masonic Temple, Calgary, on June 7th, at 10:00 o'clock a m., when the various matters requiring attention were submitted to the appropriate sub-committees for their consideration, the result of which will appear in their respective reports.

On discussion of the notices of motion, which were laid over from last year for consideration of Grand Lodge at this Annual Communication, the Board makes the following recommendation to Grand Lodge: That no change be made in the regulations regarding Custodians of the Work as provided for in the Constitution.

With regard to Grievances and Appeals, the Board recommends that in future all cases dealt with by Grand Lodge shall be marked with a file number, so that they can be readily identified at any time.

The case of the widow of the late M. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, was brought to the attention of the Board and after careful consideration it was unanimously agreed to recommend that a grant be made from the Relief Fund of \$500.00 to this widow, of which sum \$200.00 be paid immediately, \$150.00 paid on September 1, 1932, and \$150.00 on the 1st of January, 1933.

Fraternally submitted,

G. M. BLACKSTOCK,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, (35), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Martland, (63), "That the Report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF
MASONRY**

Calgary, June 7, 1932:

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry has given much careful consideration to the reports submitted by the District Deputy Grand Masters of the various districts and beg to report thereon for your consideration.

It is with regret we find that some of the reports were not received by the Grand Secretary at the proper time and at the time of sitting one has not yet been received. In one case we find that the D.D.G.M. had not received returns from one lodge so that he was unable to submit a complete report. Such procrastination on the part of the D.D.G.M. —if not complete neglect of responsibility—in the absence of valid

excuse cannot be permitted to continue. Your committee, therefore, desires to recommend most strongly that such dereliction of duty be penalized by deprivation of Past D.D.G.M. rank in any such cases.

The various reports take notice of the economic ills which affect the world, but notwithstanding this general adverse condition, it is abundantly evident that general Masonic conditions are strong and healthy. Optimism in the present, hope and confidence for the future is the prevailing note.

We have to report a decrease in membership. This condition while due in part to general conditions, is also due to the vigorous and proper action of the lodges in observing the constitutional requirements with respect to non-payment of dues.

Reports indicate that the utmost harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction and while the amount of unpaid dues is abnormally large the financial condition of the lodges is good.

The efforts of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education are meeting with well deserved success. In every district there has been generous response to the timely suggestions made. The fact that candidates have been few has opened up splendid opportunities for pursuing this useful branch of Masonic endeavour.

Some of the D.D.G.M.'s have dealt with the question specifically raised by our Grand Master, namely the wearing of regalia to Divine Service. The result is a sharp cleavage of opinion, some advocating the retention of the status quo, others definitely opposed to and others emphatically in favor of the wearing of regalia.

Again we have to offer our sincere sympathy to Hussar Lodge, No. 130, Sharon Lodge, No. 157, and Big Valley Lodge, No. 140, all of which suffered severe loss by fire. It appears that in all cases insurance was carried and notwithstanding the resulting set back, all three lodges are carrying on vigorously.

It is particularly pleasing to note that lodges are not depending on Grand Lodge to carry the whole burden of benevolence. In every district there is a realization of the duty in this regard cast upon the individual lodges and during the past year very substantial amounts have been expended by individual lodges in benevolence.

Lodge attendance is well maintained. The absence of degree work has had no detrimental effect, and in its place social and educational activities are a prominent feature. This is all to the good and these activities should have a permanent place in lodge work.

The problem of unpaid dues and the loss of membership through suspension is a pressing one. While this condition is to be deplored, we can remember that we are thereby losing a good deal of dead wood and that our strength cannot be gauged numerically. The lodges are urged to continue strict observance of the constitution in this respect. At the same time we would advise lodges to give due consideration to the circumstances of each individual case before pronouncing sentence of suspension.

We observe that many lodges are delinquent in the matter of historical registers and put the D.D.G.M. off with a promise to do better in future. These lodges do not appear to realize the duty cast upon them and that a historical register is of great value. We wish to impress upon the incoming D.D.G.M.'s the absolute necessity of demanding the lodges within their jurisdiction must proceed with al

speed in this important work. The number of lodges celebrating 25th anniversaries reminds us of the passage of time and should help to impress us with the need and value of historical registers.

Again the reports disclose the value of District Meetings. At times one hears individual criticism that the District Meetings as now held have not the value of the former Lodges of Instruction. We can only go by the annual reports and they clearly indicate the value of the District Meetings to the whole organization.

The committee desires to record its appreciation of the services of R. W. Bro. Peter A. Davie, who filled the office of D.D.G.M. in District No. 14, following upon the resignation of R. W. Bro. M. S. Macleod.

The review of the reports has been refreshing. In spite of a difficult financial condition throughout the country our Order continues to flourish and we can face the future without foreboding. We notice that the D.D.G.M.'s have fulfilled their duties often under difficult and arduous conditions and many times at much personal inconvenience. We wish to recognize the faithful discharge of these duties by recommending the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon the following brethren:

Joseph H. Ross (87)	Arthur C. Moore (56)
Samuel T. Fawcett (35)	Thomas W. Bull (63)
Richard G. Thomson (51)	Chas. H. Messinger (49)
Arthur Sayers (18)	Robert H. Lyttle (77)
Norman B. Anderson (135)	A. E. W. Roberts (106)
William Dobson (19)	Hans Nicholson (137)
Thomas R. Davidson (39)	William R. Fulton (146)
Archibald G. M. Swart (47)	William J. Fleming (96)

Fraternally submitted,

G. M. BLACKSTOCK,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83), "That the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Calgary, June 7, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee has considered the matters which have been specially referred to it and begs to report as follows:

In the matter of the resignation of R. W. Bro. M. S. MacLeod, D.D.G.M. of District No. 14, your committee finds the negotiations throughout in the best interests of the Fraternity, but strongly recommends that the amount of seventy-five dollars expended by Bro. MacLeod in travelling from Vancouver to Hanna for the purpose of visiting the lodges in District No. 14, be refunded to him by Grand Lodge. This

recommendation is made solely because of circumstances surrounding the case and in no way is to be considered as a precedent.

Case No. 11.—Charge of un-Masonic conduct. Lodge tried accused and recommends sentence of indefinite suspension. Your committee concurs.

Case No. 12.—Charge of un-Masonic conduct. Accused pleads guilty and lodge recommended sentence of indefinite suspension. Your committee concurs.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83), seconded by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), "That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

Calgary, June 7, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges begs to report that the books and records of Sexsmith Lodge, under dispensation, have been examined, and while they are not as complete as the Committee would like, they fulfil the requirements of the case.

The Historical Register is very neatly and carefully compiled for the initial year of the lodge's existence, and great credit is due to the brother responsible. We would point out that this Register should contain notes of the outstanding events in the history of the lodge, and not be simply a synopsis of the minute book.

The report of R. W. Bro. A. E. W. Roberts, D.D.G.M., on the work of this lodge is very gratifying, and we have pleasure in recommending that a charter be granted the brethren of Sexsmith Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

V. A. BOWES,
W. IRELAND,
N. B. ANDERSON,
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. N. B. Anderson (135), seconded by R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83), "That the Report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. N. B. Anderson (135), seconded by R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83), "That Sexsmith Lodge, whose charter has been granted at this communication, be given a vote in Grand Lodge"

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Calgary, June 8, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Benevolence are pleased to present the following Annual Report.

Shortly after Grand Lodge met last year our committee suffered a serious loss in the death of the Chairman, R. W. Bro. John Gillespie, who died on August 8, 1931, after a brief illness and who for many years had served Grand Lodge on this committee, occupying the chair for the last four years. His interest in the work never flagged. He gave much of his time to the oversight and investigation of those cases especially which were under the direct supervision of this committee, both in Calgary and Edmonton, and while he viewed every case with the utmost sympathy, he never lost sight of the fact that the interests of the Craft and the objects for which this fund was established, necessitated a fair and impartial consideration of the needs of each case. The personal touch he maintained with these beneficiaries was of great value to the committee and by his encouragement and personal interest in them, he did much to improve their outlook and in many cases assisted them to become, in some measure, re-established.

It became necessary to fill the vacancy thus created and the Grand Master was pleased to appoint M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank to the committee until Grand Lodge met. This brother's long experience in Grand Lodge has been of great value and a source of strength to the committee. At the September meeting, I was elected as Chairman, but feeling that it would be impossible for me to attend all the meetings of the committee, it was considered desirable to have a Vice-Chairman, which office was filled by the election of R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, who has been a very active member of our committee.

It is just ten years since this committee adopted the plan of regular monthly meetings and eleven years since Grand Lodge laid down the regulations governing the work of the committee. Perhaps then, this is a proper time to survey the past in the light of the experience gained.

During the last decade the sum of \$90,559.49 has been expended for benevolence. The total number of cases, as listed in our Proceedings, is 200, but this number does not indicate by any means the total number of individuals, adults and children, who have been assisted, nor does it indicate the total amount expended by the Fraternity for relief, as there is no doubt that the lodges have contributed as much or more, probably more, because there are many cases which never come to the attention of this committee, having been dealt with by the lodges only. It may, therefore, be fairly claimed that Grand Lodge and its constituent lodges have accomplished relief work of an amount and extent of which cold figures are no criterion.

A study of the cases from the early years confirms the wisdom of the regulations adopted at that time, for there has been no necessity for a change since, but it is only fair to state that with the experience of the years, the viewpoint of the committee has changed in regard to some phases of the work. For instance, several of the early cases considered, involved the taking over of real property and its maintenance as a consideration of the care and keep of the beneficiary. It was soon

discovered that property management entailed much executive attention, which had to be paid for and the liability of the property deteriorating in value. Some of these cases are with us yet and the amount of our grants far exceeds the value of the property.

Another type of case, where a substantial loan was sought to meet an emergency, was, from the first, found to be impracticable. There are still applications today for loans, sometimes with a good deal of insistence, in spite of the regulation that no loans be made, and we deem it advisable to repeat the reasons given for this regulation. First and foremost, if the practice of making loans were allowed, our income would be exhausted and there would be nothing left for the permanent cases, which are always of a more needy and distressing nature. Secondly, loans made under the conditions which usually necessitate the request, become the cause of friction and bitterness when repayment is required. In the third place, these loans are nearly always required for the liquidation of debts already contracted and over which there has been no supervision. We have found, that in these cases, it is better to provide assistance by way of a monthly grant, which enables the beneficiary to carry on. Lastly, there are other sources from which loans can be obtained, if security is present. If it is not, then the logical way to assist is by way of grant for current necessities.

Your committee has steadfastly set its face against the payment of professional and hospital fees and we would caution all lodges to carefully consider such matters before assuming any liability. Our reason for taking this stand is that the payment of these accounts would undoubtedly lead to abuses, which it would be difficult to detect. The medical professions have always cheerfully and generously co-operated with us, in all cases requiring their services, provided they had a definite understanding in the first instance of all the circumstances, while hospitals, as they are now organized, are enabled by grants from the public treasury, to serve the needy without charge.

Misunderstanding and the lack of appreciation of what is meant by Masonic charity sometimes leads to difficulties in proper co-operation of the lodges seeking the aid of the fund. In some quarters there exists an idea that all that is necessary is to immediately make an appeal for assistance, without having first made a real investigation into the needs of the case, and often dissatisfaction is expressed at the suggestion that a thorough investigation of other sources of assistance should be made. It should be borne in mind that legislation is in force providing, under certain circumstances, relief and assistance from public funds and in the case of rural residents a department of the government is available to assist in straightening out their affairs. For instance, Old Age Pension, Widow's Allowance, and other forms of assistance may be applicable in many of these cases and it is the business of the lodge to see that those who are entitled should be assisted in obtaining them. If these are not sufficient to meet the situation, it is then the duty of the lodge to give what aid they can from their own funds, and if the burden is too great, apply to the Relief Fund of Grand Lodge for further assistance. In this connection it would be well to remember that relatives of those in distress should be impressed with the necessity of doing their share. It is this committee's experience, that too often sons and daughters fail to recognize their duty.

Only recently we have been told that to explore these sources is to regard an applicant for our beneficence as a pauper. This lodge has a wrong idea. The sources mentioned are for the express purpose of assisting those in need. They are contributed to by the public for that purpose, and are meant to remove the stigma of being the recipients

of private charity. Doubtless most of those who have to take advantage of these funds, including this particular case, have, through taxes, contributed for years.

Perhaps an outline of one or two cases, showing what lack of proper investigation has led to, may be useful.

An application was made to the committee for immediate assistance for a widow. The information conveyed in the application being insufficient, inquiry was instituted by the committee. It was found that this widow was living with a near relative, was being well cared for and had never, herself or through this relative, made any application for assistance, nor did she require it. In another case, also that of a widow, temporary assistance was requested. Shortly afterwards the lodge secured Widow's Allowance from the government for her and this committee and the lodge were relieved from making further grants. A third case might be cited, that of a brother who was stricken with a serious illness, which developed into a chronic case and he is now helpless. For over three years this brother has received a monthly grant and only recently it has been found that in all probability he is entitled to a pension from his employers and there is every hope that this may be obtained. Close and systematic inquiry at the beginning would probably have saved the lodge and Grand Lodge a very substantial sum of money. We could quote many other cases.

It may be mentioned that we now have several beneficiaries residing in Vancouver and in order to keep in touch with them we have availed ourselves of the services of R. W. Bro. Robert McManus, Secretary of the Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau, who has generously given his time and experience in the investigation and oversight of our cases. These services have been of inestimable value, not only to the committee but to the beneficiaries whom he personally visits.

A new form of petition and also a questionnaire or report form to accompany the half-yearly returns, will be presented for your approval, which will perhaps assist the lodges to make thorough investigations. It should be borne in mind that in a great many cases of permanent disability and especially in the case of widows with young children to care for, grants must be continued over a long period of time. Few lodges can stand such a steady drain and if it were not for steady investment, year by year, in our Grand Lodge fund, our source of relief, it would not be possible for Grand Lodge to keep pace with the demands made upon it. With present conditions we cannot hope for a decrease in applications, but the committee feel that it is greatly to the credit of our membership, that so far they have been able to carry on without an extraordinary increase in the demands made on the resources of lodges and Grand Lodge. Last year we paid out \$12,-796.09. This year we have paid \$12,833.61 in grants, but new petitions continue to come in, so that it will be seen that the demands are continuous and increasing.

We, who remember the early formation of our Capital Benevolent Fund, which is entirely invested in Government and City Bonds, in accordance with the Constitution, have now good reason for thankfulness and gratitude to those who so earnestly strove to plan a foundation, which will always support the growth of the structure imposed upon it.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. BOTTERILL,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), seconded by R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That the Report of the committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), seconded by R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That the new forms of Petition for Relief and Half-yearly Reports on cases of beneficiaries be approved."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Calgary, June 8, 1932:

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

At the conclusion of the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in June, 1931, a committee on Masonic Research and Education was appointed, consisting of the following: R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey, Chairman; M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, R. W. Bro. J. Martland, R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands, R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull, R. W. Bro. D. D. Penman, W. Bro. W. Coote, and this committee submits the following report:

Immediately after the summer holidays the Chairman sent a questionnaire to all members of both the Edmonton and Calgary branches of this committee, to ascertain if, in their opinion, there existed a need throughout the jurisdiction that this committee could supply.

The answers received were unanimous, as to the contribution such a committee could make, particularly under present conditions, in directing and stimulating Masonic Education in every lodge in Alberta. A plan was then outlined and submitted to both branches of the committee and approved by them. Unfortunately, however, because of physical difficulties which became immediately apparent, the Edmonton brethren could not join in the frequent committee meetings that were necessary and the Calgary members were therefore denied the advantage of their counsel and help.

On December 7th, a circular letter, outlining the views of the committee, which had been approved by the Grand Master, and submitting a definite programme of Education, was sent to each lodge in the jurisdiction. Accompanying it was a personal letter to each Master, urging his hearty co-operation and suggesting methods that would insure the success of the plan. Nineteen lodges replied almost immediately, accepting the plan enthusiastically and proceeded to execute it. These lodges were Zetland, Joppa, Connaught, Acacia, Mount Lebanon, Ashlar, Lake Saskatoon, Onoway, Bow Island, Patricia, Whitecourt, Kilwinning, Red Deer, Kitseoty, Empire, Manyberries, Chinook, Craigmyle and Vermilion.

While this was encouraging as a start, the committee felt that more lodges should be participating and on March 1st, sent another request to all lodges that had not previously responded with the result that seventy-one others advised they were taking steps to try out the plan suggested. That made a total of ninety, or slightly more than half

the lodges of the whole jurisdiction. From reports received from the lodges, your committee is convinced that where the plan has been carefully studied and sincerely followed, most satisfying and gratifying results have been obtained.

One immediate effect of the committee's work was the flood of requests for books, that poured into the Grand Lodge office. This was to be expected and was an evidence and criterion of the degree of interest aroused. It proved also that the resources of the library were wholly inadequate to meet the demand. So essential to the success of any work undertaken by a committee of Masonic Education, is an adequate circulating library, dealing directly with the subjects that form the programme of the committee, that we suggest the sum of \$200.00 be now set apart for the purchase of books so urgently needed and others that the committee deem necessary for the requirements of the lodges.

The very satisfactory results so far obtained have further emphasized the necessity of a review of the whole question of the Grand Lodge Library in order to make it available to the utmost for the whole Craft. It is physically impossible for the Grand Secretary, as Grand Librarian, to be available at all times when the library is needed and while the constant courtesy of the Librarian is appreciated, the student feels the implied obligation and the extensive use of the library is greatly curtailed.

We therefore suggest that the committee to be appointed for the coming year be asked to outline a policy for the consideration of Grand Lodge, that will cover the whole library situation.

We also recommend that this committee for the coming year include a sufficient number of Edmonton brethren to form a sub-committee, to formulate plans and make recommendations for library facilities in Edmonton.

Your committee believes that the Grand Master initiated a movement that has proven to be a great step forward to a large number of our lodges. We regret that every lodge in the jurisdiction has not responded, in an attempt to develop the talent in it, and to make more vital by the acquisition of greater knowledge in the precepts and practices of Masonry. We hope that the committee to be appointed this year will achieve even better results in this regard and have the co-operation of every lodge in the jurisdiction.

This committee, had referred to it, by instructions of Grand Lodge last year, the history of this Grand Lodge prepared by M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton for publication abroad. This matter was dealt with according to instructions by Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

H. R. CHAUNCEY,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), "That the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted."

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaualy (59), seconded by R. W. Bro. John Thomson (68), "That the motion to receive and adopt the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be amended to read that the clause referring to the appropriation of \$200.00 be referred to the Finance Committee."

The original motion as amended was then put and carried.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS
AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Calgary, June 8, 1932.

To the W. M. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence is pleased to report that the fraternal relations between this and other Grand Jurisdictions with whom we are in fraternal correspondence continue to be of the most friendly and cordial character.

Requests for fraternal recognition by the the Grand Lodge of Alberta have been received from the following Grand Lodges. These requests are accompanied by the suggestion of an exchange of Grand Representatives.

1. Grand Lodge Nationale Independante and Reguliere pour la France and les Colonies Francaises.

The request for recognition forwarded by the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge has been supported by Sir John Ferguson, K.B.E., M.P., the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta near the United Grand Lodge of England, who intimates that in the early part of 1931 he accompanied M. W. Bro. Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, on a fraternal visit to this Grand Lodge. It also appears that since the constitution of this Grand Lodge in France they have been in very close fraternal relations with the United Grand Lodge of England. Fraternal recognition has also been extended by the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Ireland; by four of the Grand Lodges in Australia; three of the Grand Lodges in Canada; and at least four of the leading Grand Lodges of the United States.

Your Committee would recommend that fraternal recognition be extended to the National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge for France and the French Colonies and that an exchange of Grand Representatives be authorized.

2. Grand Lodge of Spain, having its headquarters in the City of Barcelona.

Your Committee has not sufficient information upon which to base any affirmative recommendation at this time to our Grand Lodge.

3. Grande Oriente D'Italia.

The communication making the request indicates that the seat of this Grand Lodge is located in the City of London, England. The request is not accompanied by any supporting documents from which it might be learned whether our requirements for recognition exist in the case of this Grand Lodge. Apart from these considerations, the obvious point appears that this Grand Lodge has established its headquarters within a foreign jurisdiction and we are not informed as to the attitude of the United Grand Lodge of England in respect of this situation.

4. Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The application from this Grand Lodge does not submit sufficient information to enable this committee to determine whether our requirements for recognition exist in the case of this Grand Lodge. From other sources of information, your committee learns that Masonic

conditions in the Republic of Brazil, including the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro, are in a very unsettled state and that there is more or less controversy still existing in matters of Masonic jurisdiction. Your committee feel that at the present time they are unable to recommend an affirmative response to this request.

5. Grand Lodge of Guatemala, Central America.

This is a renewal of former applications which were considered by your committee in 1927 and in 1931. Your committee has not before it sufficient material to enable it to form a definite opinion as to the existence in this Grand Lodge of our requirements for recognition.

In the cases, therefore, of the applications from the four last mentioned Grand Bodies your committee recommends that no affirmative action be taken at this time in respect of these requests for fraternal recognition. On the other hand, we realize that in various parts of the world regular Masonry is being more and more established and we believe it will be only a question of time until many Grand Lodges with whom we are not now in fraternal relations in the sense of extending formal recognition to them will achieve an established position based on principles and practice which will meet our requirements. We desire to assure the Grand Lodge that your committee is actuated by every sympathy toward the development and progress of Masonry in non-English speaking countries but feel that it is incumbent on us as a comparatively young jurisdiction to proceed with caution in these matters.

The Annual Review of the Proceedings of sister Grand Lodges is submitted herewith and your committee recommends that it be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee desire to again emphasize the educational advantages which through these Reviews are made available to the Masons of Alberta, and we would respectfully suggest to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education to consider in what manner and to what extent ways and means may be found or recommended to the lodges with a view to the greater utilization of these Proceedings as one of the means of Masonic education.

Faternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Rankine (1), "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

In the evening a banquet was held in the Masonic Temple, which was well attended. An excellent musical programme was provided by Bros. Albert Kent, G. F. McMurray, George B. Wallace and T. Swann with Bro. F. B. Cooper as accompanist. The principal speaker of the evening was Bro. The Rev. D. Whyte Smith of Red Deer, who gave a most interesting address. The Toast to the Grand Master and his officers was proposed in an original and striking manner by W. Bro. Kenneth J. Morrison, Master of King George Lodge, No. 59, and the response by the Grand Master was an address which, at its close, brought the brethren to their feet in prolonged applause.

ADDRESS

by

Bro. The Rev. D. Whyte Smith, of Red Deer

Given at the Banquet held in the Masonic Temple, Calgary, Wednesday
Evening, the 8th day of June, 1932, in connection
with the Annual Communication of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I esteem it a high honor to address you on this occasion. My subject is "A Principle of Freemasonry." After I accepted the invitation to speak tonight, I asked myself a few questions. What is Freemasonry?—What are the Principles upon which it is founded?—What are the Implications of these Principles in the light of world events? Allow me to remind you that Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, and the Grand Principles upon which it is founded are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. It would be impossible to deal with all these great principles in one address. I shall limit myself to the first viz., Brotherly Love, and I shall assume that we accept this fundamental belief of the Craft.

It is my purpose then to discuss with you the implications of the belief 1. In the light of the world situation. 2. In relation to the British Empire and World Federation or Internationalism. In these days of unrest and confusion it is necessary to re-examine this belief of the Craft, face the implications and ask ourselves how it is standing the shock of world events. It is a commonplace to say that we are living in strenuous times. We look out on the world and it is not long before we are driven to the conclusion that there is no little anxiety in commercial, industrial, financial, social and religious circles. We seem to be drifting to incalculable dangers and thousands are too worried, tired or pre-occupied with business and pleasure to be aware of the situation. Every institution of our civilization is being tried and tested to the foundation. We are passing through the refiner's fire and only the pure gold will remain. It is a time for serious reflection, that is that attitude of mind by which we become conscious of our operations, past and present, bringing up the past, seeking to draw from it the lessons it is designed to teach—it may be of hope and inspiration for the future, it may be of rebuke and warning for past carelessness and indifference to the spiritual values of life. As men think, so will they live and it is the lives of men and not blind fate that will weave the destiny of the race.

Carlyle once said that the history of the world was but the biography of its great men. When we think of a Plato, Paul, Luther, Napoleon, Wesley, Shaftesbury, Pasteur, Lincoln, we think of great upheavals in thinking and forward movements in humanity and brotherhood. We boast of our civilization and well might we be proud of the spiritual wealth of our democratic institutions, but there is a danger of forgetting that wealth, honor, fame, is dearly bought at the expense of character and soul—the danger of forgetting that man cannot live by bread alone—the danger of forgetting that it is righteousness that exalteth a nation. The wealth of any nation is the moral and spiritual fibre of the race. A mere increase of material prosperity without a

corresponding increase of moral fibre only results in further deterioration. The problem of the better state is the problem of the better man. Thus the paramount enterprise of society is to moralise its institutions and there will be no permanent peace till this is accomplished.

Following the Armistice at the close of the Great War, it was said that the world needed a New Spirit in which business and economic relations would have a deeper human touch. Nothing could be more significant today that the development of a social consciousness. The new spirit is the deepest thing sweeping the world today—striving for expression—travailing to be born—it needs a voice. Freemasonry can be part of the voice in the world movement for co-operation and brotherhood. Amid the revolutions in the world today Canada has been saved so far from radical upheaval. Nevertheless we have years of change ahead of us. What kind you may ask me? The kind will be determined by the use reason and leadership makes of the opportunity to cultivate high ideals in private and public, to preserve national unity, to weld the races of the land into a citizenship worthy of our best traditions and in the spirit of brotherhood.

But in the midst of change shall I startle you when I say that Freemasonry holds within its folds the most explosive doctrine that can be preached and it lies in the principle we are discussing, viz., Brotherly Love. Have we faced the implications of belief in this principle? Are we prepared to give life to the struggling spirit that is seeking expression? What does it mean? It means that all artificial distinctions must go, distinctions of Jew, Gentile, Greek, Barbarian, Roman-freeman, Slave, White, Black, Yellow, British, Foreign, and a thousand and one others. How do we deal with a brother? We do not give a brother our money, pity, sympathy, he is one of the family, we share our life with him, we give him ourself. Immediately we realize this we become involved in a multitude of unheard of things. If all men are our brothers we must be content to let our lives become involved in theirs. We cannot separate ourselves from their sorrows and wrongs. What hurts them must hurt us. We cannot enjoy comfort and plenty while they are suffering oppression, starvation and death.

Let me give you two pictures: "Strange," said a dying German to a British soldier in a shell hole, "if we had met in the trenches you would have killed me for the sake of the Motherland and I would have killed you for the sake of the Fatherland, but now you are trying to save me for the sake of the Brotherland."

On the Heights of Abraham at Quebec, stands a monument to the memory of Wolfe and Montcalm, with this inscription, "Valour gave them a common death; history a common fame; posterity a common monument." The time has come to build a common monument to the men and women who perished by the million in war. The only monument worthy of them is to build a world that shall never know again the destruction of war. Lord Cecil says, with respect to war, we must learn or perish. What a vision this opens up to us! It is here the moral, social and political implications of living according to the principles of Freemasonry appear.

I can only mention a few things as a framework for your thinking. e.g. The relation of brotherhood to war, slavery, industrial relations, poverty, caste, health, education, colored races, nationalism and internationalism. We must rise in our thinking above all barriers, national and racial. We must stretch out a hand to other nations and desire relations with them. A Mason is a citizen of the world. Freemasonry

is an agency for peace and reconciliation. Hate, fear, suspicion is a trinity of demons that is wrecking the peace of the world. We are beginning to see that if the whole enterprise of man on this globe is not to end in disaster, we must learn to achieve brotherhood.

Old methods of armies and navies, diplomatic relations and the balance of power must give place to reason, conciliation, arbitration. Wherein lies the hope of the world against the martyrdom of man by war? Not in conferences, parliaments, cabinets, but in the mind and heart of man; in a return to moral principles. This is easy to say, but it is the most fundamental thing that can be said. Redemption lies in moral ideals. You may say that is a platitude. It is a platitude that is becoming the reasoned conviction of thinking men in every department of public life.

Let me cite one example. J. M. Keynes, in his article on "The World's Economic Outlook," in the Atlantic Monthly of May, 1932, says, "The obstacles to recovery are not material. They reside in the state of knowledge, judgment and opinion of those who sit in the seat of authority. Unluckily the traditional and ingrained beliefs of those who hold responsible positions throughout the world grew out of experiences which contained no parallel to the present, and are often the opposite of what one would wish them to believe today."

Thus we stand at the threshold of a new age in which we must think anew and act anew. Our whole economic life has been directed toward the making of money and not personality rich in qualities of kindness, generosity, sympathy, brotherhood. The inventive genius and scientific and material progress has outstripped our moral progress. This is the basic new fact in the situation and makes the present crisis unparalleled in history.

Let me now turn to the implications of the principle under discussion in relation to the British Empire and World Federation or Internationalism. The eyes of the world are on the Empire today. What is the British Empire? A community of free nations—a world wide family of nations—an association of free nations—the British Commonwealth of nations. So much for definition. It is more. It is an Idea, an Ideal, a Federation, a great Fellowship for world betterment. What is the future of the Empire? Is she going on to greater achievements for the welfare of mankind, greater Federation with other nations, or is she destined to crumble and fall. Today she stands as the greatest Empire the world has known—greatest in territory, covering one fourth of the land surface of the world—greatest in population with five hundred million within her domain—greatest in power, giving leadership in world affairs. She holds the strategic positions of the world at Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Singapore, Quebec. These are but the externals of the Empire. No Empire, however great, can endure unless the government is founded on universal principles of Truth, Justice, Righteousness. Wherein lies the real might of the Empire? I make bold to assert that Christianity lies at the foundation of our Imperial greatness and Western Civilization was founded on Christianity, as a critical examination will make clear to any one competent to judge.

Men believe in Liberty, Fraternity, Equality through Christianity. Can we let these truths go and remain great? Empires in the past have come and gone—an Assyria, Babylon, Greece, Rome in the ancient world, and a Napoleon and a Kaiser in the modern world. The Eternal God has decreed that they that rule by the sword shall perish by the sword. Is this the fate of our Empire or have we discovered the cause

of decay in the past, and if so can we avoid collapse? An Empire's greatest foes are not without, but within. Rome could control everything but the mercenary extravagance of rulers and people alike. "Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey, where wealth accumulates and man decays." If we keep before us the ideals of Liberty, Freedom, Justice, Toleration, handed down to us we need not fear the future.

We are proud to have our citizenship in the greatest Co-operative Commonwealth of nations the world has ever known. And to me it foreshadows the still greater commonwealth of the nations of the world. Is this a dream. It is the trend of all political philosophy. It is the urge of world events. We have been launched out into the sea of Internationalism. Let me visualize what I conceive to be steps already taken towards world Federation. We have the United States of America, the federated provinces of the Dominion of Canada, a League of Nations embracing four fifths of the population of the world and three-fourths of its surface pledged to preserve and maintain peace upon which depends the continuance of our civilization; a World Court of International Justice, to settle disputes by arbitration and conciliation; the example of the Co-operative Commonwealth of nations, known as the British Empire. It is not difficult to conceive the United States of Europe—it is already within the range of practical affairs. Some kind of World Federation is becoming a necessity for our continued existence. It is needed to centralize information with respect to international affairs, such as finance and trade, war and peace, planning and controlling expansion. The world is an economic unit. It is striving to work out a unity politically. It will one day be one spiritually. The story of society and the rise of civilization is the story of the art of learning to live together. We have the family, the clan, the tribe, the rise of nationalism and now we are in the day of Internationalism. Transcending this there is a Super-Nationalism, which is the Kingdom of God. And whatever else the phrase may mean, it is descriptive of a life to be lived under the Eternal Principles enshrined in Freemasonry, viz., The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man—the far-off Divine event to which the whole creation moves. Then the vision of the seer, the prophet, the poet, will be realized.

"The war drums will cease
The battle flags will be furled
In the parliament of man, the federation of the World."

Second Day = = = *Morning Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Calgary, June 9, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We desire first to congratulate the Grand Master on his most eloquent and happily worded address. We have no general criticism to offer and we feel that there is little we can say which would add to the marked impression left with us by his message. We feel, however, that we should not let the occasion pass without making a few comments.

We note that the Grand Master has referred in justifiably romantic terms to the city of his adoption, but we are sure that he really intended to extend his words of eulogy to the whole of the fair province in which we live.

His reference to the memory of those who have passed to the Great Beyond is couched in language entirely suited to the occasion, requiring no further remarks from us.

We note the cordial relationship which continues to exist between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of other jurisdictions and especially those situated on this continent. We as a Grand Lodge were fortunate in having fraternal visits during the past year from the Grand Masters of Canada, in Ontario, and British Columbia. This is, indeed, one of the best methods of perpetuating the fraternal spirit that exists between the Grand Jurisdictions throughout the world. It may be that this fraternal relationship reflects a spirit of independence and interdependence that will guide the world in this time of flux and change, in preserving our present form of civilization, and at the same time providing for the exigencies of changing conditions. We refer to that peculiar Masonic characteristic which makes us partners in a common cause and yet masters of our own affairs.

We note with pride that our Grand Master has not been carried away by the condemnation of existing systems of government simply because the present social systems have failed to some extent to meet the extraordinary conditions, that have arisen since the Great War. But he reminds us, that the principles of fraternal relationship, so dear to us all, and which should instill a spirit of co-operative effort amongst the peoples of the world, will guide us during these times of storm and stress. We can congratulate ourselves that our leaders in Masonry are characterized by safe, sound and straight thinking and that they have not been misled by the few who would abandon all that has stood the test of time for the sake of more or less fanciful theories.

We are heartily in accord with the ruling made by the Grand Master.

In mentioning the decrease in membership during the past year, the Grand Master rightly points to the vitality shown by the lodges in the continued interest and attendance of the members and we believe that under his able guidance, Masonry has really been more active along social and educational lines than it has been in more prosperous years. Some measure of credit should be given to the work of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, which has given a fresh interest to the membership, who have hitherto been busily engaged in the routine work of their lodges. We may also be certain that our members are finding in their meetings a genuine relief from the worries and anxieties of the present day, by reason of the friendly and fraternal atmosphere of Masonic intercourse.

With regard to the non-resident member on half dues, we recognise the problem is a serious one and that in many cases such a brother hesitates to affiliate with the local lodge, while others, for sentimental reasons, persist in remaining attached to their mother lodge. There are many sides to this question and we would suggest that it be referred to a special committee to investigate the whole matter.

Finally, this committee wishes to express to this Grand Lodge and to our Grand Master, their appreciation of the wholesome advance that Masonry has made during the past year in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Faternally submitted,

J. A. JACKSON,
H. P. REID,
S. M. SNEDDEN,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4), seconded by M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), "That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

The committee reported that they had considered the clause of their report referred back for clarification and submitted the following amendment to the clause under Assets:

That all the words after the word "member" be deleted and the following substituted, "we recommend that the per capita Grand Lodge dues of \$1.70, payable for 1932, in respect of any brother whose dues for any period have been remitted in 1932, by his lodge, shall be refunded to his lodge."

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. V. H. Macauley (59), "That the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be adopted as amended."

The Committee on Finance further reported that they had considered the request of the Committee on Research and Education in their report for \$200.00 for the purchase of books that may be necessary for their requirements, and recommend the appropriation of this

amount. Also an appropriation of \$50.00 be made for the Grand Librarian to purchase books for the Grand Lodge Library.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That these recommendations be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Calgary, June 9, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs leave to report as follows:

There has been one case referred to your committee for decision. A lodge summoned delinquent members to show cause why they should not be suspended for N.P.D. The by-laws of this lodge provide that the delinquent member, amongst other things, can procure by vote of the lodge a further specified time for payment of dues. On the return night of the summonses the Worshipful Master, in a truly Masonic spirit, of his own motion granted extension of one month. The lodge took no action nor did it raise any objection.

At the next meeting following, a member of the Finance Committee asked for further extension. The question, therefore, has arisen in the lodge as to the power of the Master to grant extension for payment. The point has been presented to this committee for decision.

After due consideration, your committee express the opinion that the proper procedure should have been the passing of a resolution by the lodge. We are also of the opinion that in this particular case, that this Grand Lodge in the exercise of its powers, should require that the proceedings for suspension for N.P.D. be recommended and the requirements of the by-laws of Ashlar Lodge be strictly followed.

The committee has considered the question of permitting amendment to lodge by-laws to enable a lodge to suspend meetings. We would call attention to the charter, which specifically reads: "Said lodge to meet at date of every month. In view of a practice which has grown up, your committee desires to investigate further before giving a definite opinion. We therefore suggest that this matter be left in the hands of the Committee to be reported upon at our next Annual Communication, on the Revision of the Constitution.

Faternally submitted,

S. M. SNEDDEN,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), seconded by M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), "That the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Calgary, June 8, 1932.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee has considered carefully the report of your Grand Secretary and note with pleasure that the onerous duties of his office have been discharged with efficiency and completeness.

We congratulate the Grand Secretary on the excellent spirit of co-operation manifested in this report between his office and the constituent lodges. We urge upon the Masters and Secretaries of the lodges the utmost care and promptness in making returns to Grand Lodge with completeness and accuracy of detail as called for by the forms in use. This will steadily improve an already gratifying condition in the statistical affairs of the lodges and of Grand Lodge.

We heartily commend the action of the Grand Secretary in refusing to supply information regarding the Lodges and their officers to be used for commercial purposes and urge on the Secretaries of lodges the strict observance of the intimations given to them by the Grand Secretary in this matter.

We commend to the Masters and Secretaries of lodges the observations of the Grand Secretary regarding the qualification of petitioners for initiation, especially in cases where a dispensation from the Grand Master is necessary.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,

Chairman;

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R. W. Bro. Thos. Rankine (1), "That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

This committee having no definite statement to make at this communication, desired to report progress and it was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. F. W. Lowie (51), "That the committee be continued under the chairmanship of the incoming Grand Master."

GENERAL BUSINESS

A request from Manyberries Lodge, No. 133, to be attached to District No. 2. instead of No. 7, in which they are at present, resulted in a general discussion as to the advisability of rearranging the boundaries of various Masonic districts, and it was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by W. Bro. H. J. Adames (78), "That the rearrangement of Masonic districts be referred to the Com-

mittee on the Condition of Masonry to report at the next communication of Grand Lodge.

REPORT ON GRAND LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education has referred to it the Report of the Grand Librarian and beg to report as follows:

We commend the action of the Grand Librarian in having the special addresses contained in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges catalogued, and we recommend that this list be published as an appendix to his report in the Annual Proceedings this year.

We note that numerous requests for loans of books from the Grand Lodge Library have been received and the Grand Librarian has felt constrained to deny these requests. We would recommend that the Reference Library be catalogued and classified into two groups, first—those which can be replaced at any time, and second—those which cannot be so replaced, and that the former class be made available both to lodges and members on proper assurances of responsibility.

Fraternally submitted,

H. R. CHAUNCEY,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), seconded by M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28). "That the Report on the Grand Librarian's Report be received and adopted."

MOTIONS

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by W. Bro. W. B. Casselman (14), seconded by W. Bro. E. J. Martin (147):

"That Sections 117 to 121, inclusive, of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Section 117: "There shall be a permanent committee of this Grand Lodge, which shall consist of ten members (five for each Rite), who shall be elected by Grand Lodge from various districts and shall be designated 'Committees of the Work.' They shall hold office during the pleasure of Grand Lodge."

Section 118: "The whole committee shall have authority to decide upon the correct and proper practice to be observed in all ceremonies."

Section 119: 'The Committee on the Work known as the 'Canadian' shall have authority to enforce the practice of the Standard Work authorized by Grand Lodge, in all the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction practising this Rite, also to decide upon anything in the

carrying out of Degree Work not actually covered by the Work or Constitution."

Section 119a: "The Committee on the Work known as the 'York' shall have authority to enforce the practice of the Standard Work authorized by Grand Lodge, in all the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction practising this Rite, also to decide upon anything in the carrying out of Degree Work not actually covered by the Work or Constitution."

Section 120: "A member of each Committee (Canadian and York) shall attend every District Meeting. They shall give no decisions or rulings upon any points not already agreed to by their respective committees, but shall refer any such to these committees, whose decisions shall be communicated to the several D.D.G.M.'s with directions to instruct the lodges accordingly."

Section 120a: "The committees shall make no changes, additions or eliminations to the Rituals, but if such appear to them desirable, they shall cause resolutions to be put forward in accordance with the Constitution, for action by Grand Lodge at the subsequent Annual Communication. The Committee shall regularly meet the day before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge."

Section 121: "The actual expenses of the members, when in attendance at a District Meeting, shall be paid by Grand Lodge."

The amendment to Section 117 of the Constitution, on being put to the meeting was declared "lost".

The result of this motion, automatically rendered the proposed amendments to Sections 118 to 121, inclusive, impractical. Accordingly they were withdrawn by the mover.

The following motions, of which due notice was given, were moved by W. Bro. W. B. Casselman (14), seconded by W. Bro. H. J. Adames (78):

"That Section 67 of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"He shall notify all lodges when sending Secretaries forms for semi-annual returns of all expelled, suspended and restored members and of all rejected applicants for the six months previous."

"That Section 177 of the Constitution be amended by deleting all after the word "provided in the fourth line thereof."

"That Section 206 of the Constitution be amended by deleting all after the words 'Grand Master' in the eighth line thereof, and adding '(See Section 117).'"

These motions on being put to the meeting were declared "lost."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83), seconded by W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7):

"That Section 220 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following:

"For the purpose of visitation or affiliation such dimit shall be valid for one year from date of issue. The lodge issuing the dimit may, on application of the brother, by vote, extend or renew the same for a period of twelve months from the date of the request."

It was moved, in amendment, by V. W. Bro. D. Patterson (83), seconded by W. Bro. W. Betts (58), "That this motion be laid on the

table for one year and referred to the Special Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, for their consideration and report."

The amendment on being put to the meeting was carried.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), "That the method of balloting for Grand Lodge Officers and members of Grand Lodge Committees, be referred to the Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution for report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge."

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by W. Bro. H. J. Adames (78), "That the address delivered by Bro. The Rev. D. Whyte Smith at the banquet last evening, be printed in the Proceedings."

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. F. F. W. Lowle (51), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. E. W. Roberts (106), "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to V. W. Bro. John A. Bell, Grand Organist, for the excellent arrangements he made for the musical programme at the Banquet and also for so ably presiding at the organ during the sessions of Grand Lodge."

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77), seconded by W. Bro. R. H. Ennismore (92), "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the Calgary brethren for the many courtesies received at their hands during this communication of Grand Lodge, and also our keen appreciation of the kindness and forethought of the Secretary of the Temple, W. Bro. Geo. Moore."

ELECTION OF D.D.G.M.'s OF MASONIC DISTRICTS No. 14 AND 15

The members of Lodges in Districts No. 14 and 15 were directed by the Grand Master to elect D.D.G.M.'s for the ensuing year, as in District No. 14 W. Bro. E. M. Wegren, D.D.G.M. elect, has resigned owing to his removal from the district, and in District No. 15 there was a vacancy caused by the death of W. Bro. J. P. Watters, D.D.G.M. elect.

W. Bro. H. J. Adames (78), reported that W. Bro. J. Wright Lawrence of Crocus Lodge, No. 115, Chinook, had been selected as D.D.G.M. for District No. 14. R. W. Bro. H. F. Nicholson reported for District No. 15 that W. Bro. James J. Cairns of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 109, Mirror, had been selected by them. The Grand Master was pleased to confirm these elections.

PLACE OF MEETING

Several places being suggested for the holding of the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master put the question to the meeting and it was decided by open vote in favor of the City of Calgary.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11:50 o'clock a.m.

Second Day = = = Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 1:30 o'clock p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The time having arrived for the election of officers, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart, R. W. Bro. Bruce Flavin, R. W. Bro. Wm. M. Peel, R. W. Bro. Thos. Rankine, R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell, V. W. Bro. Geo. Ellis, W. Bro. G. B. MacLeod, W. Bro. G. T. French and W. Bro. F. Barnhouse, a Board of Scrutineers.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 293 members present at this Communication, carrying a total voting strength of 556 consisting of 201 W. M.'s, 37 S. W.'s, 23 J. W.'s, 181 P. M.'s and 114 Proxies.

132 Chartered Lodges and 1 Lodge U.D. are represented.

25 Chartered Lodges are without representation.

Details of representation are as follows:

Fraternally submitted,

SAM J. BLAIR,
Chairman.

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1.	Bow River.....	3	..	..	8	..	11
2.	Medicine Hat.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
3.	Alberta.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
4.	North Star.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
5.	Cascade.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
6.	Spitzie.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
7.	Edmonton.....	..	3	..	3	..	6
8.	Innisfail.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
9.	Perfection.....	1	1	1	7	..	10
10.	Eureka.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
11.	Acacia.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
12.	Red Deer.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
13.	Victoria.....	3	..	..	..	..	3

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
14.	Jasper.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
16.	Mountain View.....	2	..	1	5	..	8
17.	Nanton.....	..	..	..	3	..	3
18.	Britannia.....	..	..	3	2	..	5
19.	Cornerstone.....	2	1	..	..	..	3
20.	Carstairs.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
21.	King Hiram.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
22.	Corinthian.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
23.	Calgary.....	2	1	..	10	..	13
24.	Vermilion.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
25.	St. John's.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
26.	Sentinel.....	..	..	..	3	3	6
27.	Apollo.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
28.	Ashlar.....	1	1	1	6	..	9
29.	Kenilworth.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
30.	Summit.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
31.	Doric.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
32.	Cairo.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
33.	Stavely.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
34.	Star of the West..	..	..	..	1	3	4
35.	Mizpah.....	2	..	1	4	..	7
38.	Gleichen.....	..	..	3	1	..	4
37.	Camrose.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
38.	Hope.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
39.	Lethbridge.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
40.	Joppa.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
41.	King Solomon.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
42.	Bowden.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
43.	Tuscan.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
44.	Buffalo Park.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
45.	Ionic.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
46.	Palestine.....	..	..	3	..	..	3
47.	Chinook.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
48.	Crossfield.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
49.	Robert Burns.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
50.	Comet.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
51.	Unity.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
53.	Strathmore.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
55.	Bassano.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
56.	Beaver.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
57.	Grassy Lake.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
58.	Chief Mountain.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
59.	King George.....	2	1	..	6	..	9
60.	Acme.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
61.	Provost.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
62.	Coal.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
63.	Empire.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
64.	Bow Island.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
65.	Diamond City.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
66.	St. Andrew's.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
67.	Charity.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
68.	Edson.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
69.	Connaught.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
70.	Quarry.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
71.	Tawatinaw.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
72.	Coronation.....	2	1	..	1	..	4

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
73.	Brooks.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
74.	Vulcan.....	2	..	1	..	..	3
75.	Harmony.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
76.	Fidelity.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
77.	Strathcona.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
78.	Hanna.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
79.	Morning Star.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
80.	Excelsior.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
81.	Commercial.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
82.	Acadia.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
83.	Zetland.....	3	..	..	8	..	11
84.	Champion.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
87.	Crescent.....	3	..	..	7	..	10
88.	Wahpun.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
89.	Peace River.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
90.	Norwood.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
91.	Patricia.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
92.	Saskatchewan.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
93.	Symbol.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
94.	Lamont.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
95.	Kitchener.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
96.	Dynamic.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
97.	Albion.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
98.	Hand Hill.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
100.	Verdigris.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
101.	West Edmonton.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
102.	Edgerton.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
103.	Foremost.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
104.	Oyen.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
105.	Grande Prairie.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
106.	Lake Saskatoon.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
107.	Carbon.....	2	..	1	2	..	5
108.	Pyramid.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
109.	Ancient Landmark.....	..	..	3	1	..	4
110.	Kilwinning.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
111.	Nobleford.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
112.	Victory.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
113.	Cyprus.....	1	1	1	4	..	7
114.	Westlock.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
115.	Crocus.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
116.	Spirit River.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
117.	Dominion.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
118.	St. Mark's.....	2	1	..	3	..	6
119.	York.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
120.	Monitor.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
121.	Clive.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
122.	Rising Sun.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
123.	Rockyford.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
124.	Concord.....	1	1	1	1	..	4
125.	Cavell.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
126.	Pembina.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
127.	Granite.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
128.	Forestburg.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
129.	Meridian.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
130.	Hussar.....	..	2	1	..	..	3
131.	Kitscoty.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
132.	Craigmyle.....	..	..	..	1	3	4

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
133.	Manyberries.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
134.	Renfrew.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
135.	Alliance.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
136.	Cresset.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
137.	Irricana.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
138.	Onoway.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
139.	Melrose.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
140.	Big Valley.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
141.	Efficiency.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
142.	Ivanhoe.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
143.	Jasper Park.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
144.	Gratton.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
145.	St. Alban's.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
146.	Drumheller.....	2	..	1	1	..	4
147.	Northland.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
148.	Mayerthorpe.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
149.	Rosebud.....	2	..	1	..	..	3
150.	Donalda.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
151.	Lochern.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
152.	Standard.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
153.	Whitecourt.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
154.	Waskatenau.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
155.	Earl Haig.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
156.	Hythe.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
157.	Sharon.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
158.	Berry Creek.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
159.	Lucerne.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
U.D.	Sexsmith.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
		201	37	23	181	114	555

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), "That the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

The election of Grand Lodge Officers was then proceeded with, and the results, including the various District Deputy Grand Masters who had been elected at their District Meetings and at this communication of the Grand Lodge, and whose election was confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master, were as follows:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1932

M. W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock (35).....	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. John Martland (63).....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes (83).....	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Melvin M. Downey (77).....	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23).....	Grand Treasurer
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6).....	Grand Secetary
R. W. Bro. Walter E. Mercer (1).....	Grand Registrar
R. W. Bro. Cator B. Oakley (107).....	Grand Chaplain
R. W. Bro. P. Fielding (38).....	Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R. W. Bro. James A. Hargreaves (9)	D.D.G.M. No. 1	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Frederick Y. Archibald (73)	D.D.G.M. No. 2	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Albert E. Wynne (15)	D.D.G.M. No. 3	Dist.
R. W. Bro. William Bookless (42)	D.D.G.M. No. 4	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Norman A. Houghton (139)	D.D.G.M. No. 5	Dist.
R. W. Bro. George E. McKeage (17)	D.D.G.M. No. 6	Dist.
R. W. Bro. John H. James (65)	D.D.G.M. No. 7	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Frank J. Smith (26)	D.D.G.M. No. 8	Dist.
R. W. Bro. William E. Porter (150)	D.D.G.M. No. 9	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Albert W. Fraser (25)	D.D.G.M. No. 10	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Hugh N. Hanna (108)	D.D.G.M. No. 11	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Harry B. Fowler (14)	D.D.G.M. No. 12	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Eld James Martin (147)	D.D.G.M. No. 13	Dist.
R. W. Bro. J. Wright Lawrence (115)	D.D.G.M. No. 14	Dist.
R. W. Bro. James J. Cairns (109)	D.D.G.M. No. 15	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Windof G. Nelson (130)	D.D.G.M. No. 16	Dist.
R. W. Bro. John Arthur Waite (112)	D.D.G.M. No. 17	Dist.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. Robert Douglas (4)	Lethbridge
R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23)	Calgary
W. Bro. Wm. Coote (34)	Edmonton
W. Bro. George Moore (23)	Calgary
W. Bro. Geo. B. McLeod (142)	Edmonton
W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83)	Calgary

And for one year:

R. W. Bro. James R. Flan (1)	Calgary
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COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)	Red Deer
M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26)	Hillcrest
R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59)	Calgary

And for one year:

R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	Calgary
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APPOINTED OFFICERS

R. W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments:

V. W. Bro. Robert C. Rankin (87)	Senior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Wilfred Horrocks (90)	Junior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Frank C. Glover (68)	Grand Organist
V. W. Bro. Percy Stead (118)	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. W. Bro. Peter Tomkins (88)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. William J. Chester (145)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Albert T. Stewart (96)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. William T. Lingard (39)	Grand Steward

V. W. Bro. Alexander G. Scott (55).....Grand Steward
 V. W. Bro. Roy H. Ennismore (92).....Grand Steward
 V. W. Bro. Charles R. Bunn (29).....Grand Pursuivant

The newly elected officers present were duly installed by M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, assisted by M. W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, P.G.M.

PRESENTATION

M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, Grand Master, on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, Immediate Past Grand Master, with a set of Past Grand Master's regalia. M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby suitably expressed his appreciation of the gift.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Twenty-seventh Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 5:00 o'clock p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1932

M.W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock (35)	Grand Master
Box 664, Medicine Hat	
R.W. Bro. John Martland (63)	Deputy Grand Master
9618-105th Street, Edmonton	
R.W. Bro. James A. Hargreaves (9)	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
239-30th Avenue S. E., Calgary	
R.W. Bro. Frederick Y. Archibald (73), Brooks	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Albert E. Wynne (15), Wetaskiwin	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William Bookless (42), Bowden	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Norman A. Houghton (139), Daysland	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R.W. Bro. George E. McKeage (17), Nanton	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R.W. Bro. John H. James (65)	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
P. O. Box 138, Lethbridge	
R. W. Bro. Frank James Smith (26), Hillcrest	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R.W. Bro. William E. Porter (150), Donalda	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Albert W. Fraser (25), Vegreville	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Hugh N. Hanna (108), Lomond	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Harry B. Fowler (14)	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
10751-80th Avenue, Edmonton	
R.W. Bro. Eld James Martin (147), Fairview	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R.W. Bro. J. Wright Lawrence (115), Chinook	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R.W. Bro. James J. Cairns (109), Mirror	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Windof G. Nelson (130), Hussar	D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.
R.W. Bro. John Arthur Waite (112), Jarrow	D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes (83)	Senior Grand Warden
326-40th Avenue W., Calgary	
R.W. Bro. Melvin M. Downey (77)	Junior Grand Warden
11043-90th Avenue, Edmonton	
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23)	Grand Treasurer
527-18th Avenue W. Calgary	
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)	Grand Secretary
Masonic Temple, Calgary	
R.W. Bro. Walter E. Mercer (1)	Grand Registrar
Box 276, Strathmore	
R.W. Bro. Cator B. Oakley (107), Elnora	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Robert C. Rankin (87)	Senior Grand Deacon
326-3rd Avenue N.E., Calgary	
V.W. Bro. Wilfred Horrocks (90)	Junior Grand Deacon
12009-91st Street, Edmonton	
V.W. Bro. Frank C. Glover (68), Edson	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. Percy Stead (118)	Grand Director of Ceremonies
3806-19th Street S.W., Calgary	
V.W. Bro. Peter Tomkins (88), High Prairie	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. William J. Chester (145), St. Paul	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Albert T. Stewart (96), Holden	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. William T. Lingard (39), Lethbridge	Grand Steward

V.W. Bro. Alexander G. Scott (55), Bassano.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Roy H. Ennismore (92).....	Grand Steward
10559-83rd Avenue, Edmonton	
V.W. Bro. Charles R. Bunn (29), Red Deer.....	Grand Pursuivant
R.W. Bro. P. Fielding (38), Mulga.....	Grand Tyler

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

President.....	R.W. Bro. J. Martland
Vice-President.....	R.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes
Secretary.....	M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

Honorary Past Grand Masters

M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7).....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. W. G. Scott.....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton.....	Deloraine, Man.
M.W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock (35), Grand Master.....	Medicine Hat

And the following Past Grand Masters:

M.W. Bro. Geo. Macdonald (1).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1).....	Salisbury, Eng.
M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3).....	Macleod
M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4).....	Lethbridge
M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14).....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29).....	Red Deer
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37).....	London, Ont.
M.W. Bro. Frederick S. Selwood (28).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid (14).....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. T. F. English (23).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26).....	Hillcrest
M.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77).....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58).....	Cardston
M.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91).....	Ponoka
M.W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby (83).....	Calgary
R.W. Bro. John Martland (63), Deputy Grand Master.....	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes (83), Senior Grand Warden.....	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Melvin M. Downey (77), Junior Grand Warden.....	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), Grand Treasurer.....	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Walter E. Mercer (1), Grand Registrar.....	Strathmore

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE

R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88)	High Prairie
R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs (11)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. D. D. Penman (91)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Robert Douglas (4)	Lethbridge
R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Chas. Stewart (104)	Oyen
R.W. Bro. James R. Flan (1)	Calgary
W. Bro. Wm. Coote (34)	Edmonton
W. Bro. G. B. McLeod (142)	Edmonton
W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23)	Calgary
W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83)	Calgary

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES**Sub-Committees**

Jurisprudence—M.W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby (83), Chairman, and all other Past Grand Masters.

Grievances and Appeals—M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), Chairman; M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7); M. W. Bro. R. Patterson (3); M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14); M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29); M. W. Bro.

H. P. Reid (14); M. W. Bro. T. F. English (23); R. W. Bro. A. W. Fraser (25); R. W. Bro. H. N. Hanna (108); R. W. Bro. H. B. Fowler (14); R. W. Bro. W. G. Nelson (130); R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83).

Condition of Masonry—R. W. Bro. John Martland (63), Chairman; M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4); M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58); R. W. Bro. A. E. Wynne (15); R. W. Bro. T. F. Smith (26); R. W. Bro. E. J. Martin (147); R. W. Bro. J. W. Lawrence (115); R. W. Bro. J. J. Cairns (109); R. W. Bro. J. A. Waite (112); R. W. Bro. D. D. Penman (91); R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23); W. Bro. G. B. McLeod (142); R. W. Bro. Chas. Stewart (104); R. W. Bro. H. B. Fowler (14).

Finance—M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Chairman; R. W. Bro. J. Martland (63); M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6); M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14); M. W. Bro. T. F. English (23); M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77); M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91); M. W. Bro. G. W. Kerby (83); R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83); R. W. Bro. J. A. Hargreaves (9); R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59); R. W. Bro. R. Douglas (4); R. W. Bro. Chas. Stewart (104); R. W. Bro. J. R. Flan (1); W. Bro. G. B. McLeod (142); W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83); W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23).

Foreign Relations and Correspondence—M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), Chairman; M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4); M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26); R. W. Bro. F. Y. Archibald (73); R. W. Bro. J. J. Cairns (109); R. W. Bro. W. E. Mercer (1); R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28); R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23); R. W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs (11); R. W. Bro. J. R. Flan (1).

Masonic Research and Education—R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), Chairman; M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6); M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28); M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58); R. W. Bro. J. Martland (63); R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83); R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77); R. W. Bro. J. A. Hargreaves (9); R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83); R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59); R. W. Bro. D. D. Penman (91); W. Bro. W. Coote (34); W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23); and the D.D.G.M.'s of the seventeen Masonic Districts as advisory members.

Charters and New Lodges—R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77), Chairman; M. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9); M. W. Bro. R. Patterson (3); R. W. Bro. A. E. Wynne (15); R. W. Bro. W. E. Porter (150); R. W. Bro. H. B. Fowler (14); R. W. Bro. W. E. Mercer (1); R. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88); R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9); R. W. Bro. R. Douglas (4); W. Bro. W. Coote (34).

Credentials and Reception—M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Chairman; R. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88); R. W. Bro. F. Y. Archibald (73); R. W. Bro. W. Bookless (42); R. W. Bro. N. A. Houghton (139); R. W. Bro. G. E. McKeage (17); R. W. Bro. J. H. James (65); R. W. Bro. J. W. Lawrence (115); R. W. Bro. W. G. Nelson (130); R. W. Bro. J. A. Waite (112); W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83).

In Memoriam

OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
OF
SISTER GRAND LODGES



They have gone—from labour to refreshment.

Memorial Page

Reverently Inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions



<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name and Rank</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Arkansas.....	Kent, William M., P.G.M.....	May 15, 1931
Arkansas.....	Williams, Hamp, P.G.M.....	May 15, 1931
Colorado.....	Davis, Joseph A., P.G.M.....	May 14, 1931
Colorado.....	Mirick, Frank G., P.G.M.....	Nov. 21, 1931
Connecticut.....	Stirling, Hugh, P.G.M.....	May 12, 1931
Delaware.....	Massey, Frank B., P.G.M.....	Sep. 12, 1931
Florida.....	Endel, Marcus, P.G.M.....	Mar. 28, 1932
Illinois.....	Allen, Chester E., P.G.M.....	Dec. 15, 1931
Indiana.....	Mikels, Charles N., P.G.M.....	Sep. 6, 1931
Iowa.....	Alberson, Amos N., P.G.M.....	Aug. 17, 1931
Louisiana.....	Bolton, George W., P.G.M.....	Aug. 2, 1931
Maine.....	Davis, Charles Boardman, G.S.	Dec. 17, 1931
Michigan.....	Montague, Herbert, P.G.M.....	June 15, 1931
Mississippi.....	Henderson, James William, J.G.W.	Sep. 10, 1931
Nebraska.....	Whiting, Samuel S., P.G.M.	Aug. 11, 1931
Nebraska.....	Ringer, John Dean, D.G.M.....	Aug. 23, 1931
Nebraska.....	Thummel, George Hamilton, P.G.M.....	Feb. 5, 1932
New York.....	Kenworthy, Robert Judson, P.G.M. and G.S.....	June 8, 1931
Ohio.....	Hagelbarger, Henry M., P.G.M.	Feb. 17, 1932
Ohio.....	Belt, William Alvin, P.G.M.....	May 15, 1932
Oklahoma.....	Parker, John William F., P.G.M....	Sep. 17, 1931
Oregon.....	Mason, David Patterson, P.G.M.	Oct. 13, 1931
Oregon.....	Moore, Will, P.G.M.....	Feb. 24, 1932
Oregon.....	Hobson, William Henry, P.G.M.	May 22, 1932
Prince Edward Island.....	Begg, Henry Todd, G.M.....	May 12, 1931
South Carolina.....	Harrison, Francis E., P.G.M.....	June 15, 1931
Texas.....	Randell, Andrew L., P.G.M.....	Mar. 14, 1931
Texas.....	Arnold, John R., P.G.M.....	Apr. 7, 1932
Virginia.....	Bowman, James, P.G.M.....	Apr. 24, 1931
Washington.....	Chadwick, Stephen J., P.G.M.....	Nov. 19, 1931
West Virginia.....	Nadenbousch, Adrian C., P.G.M....	June 19, 1931
Wisconsin.....	Reed, Lewis Edwin, P.G.M.	Sep. 20, 1931
Wisconsin.....	Matheson, Alexander E., P.G.M....	Nov. 13, 1931

In Memoriam

OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
OF
OUR OWN JURISDICTION



*"But the Architect has willed it, and His Own Hands have skilled it,
And if each one has fulfilled it, thrice happy then is he;
Though ancient is the story, still how bright's the Mason's glory!
And if he's acted on the square, exalted must he be."*

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To the Honored Dead of our own Jurisdiction



<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
1.	Bow River.....	Rankin, James Norris.....	June 3, 1931
1.	Bow River.....	Gillespie, John.....	Aug. 8, 1931
1.	Bow River.....	Steven, Alfred Cook	Oct. 18, 1931
1.	Bow River.....	Murdoch, John Leonard.....	Nov. 15, 1931
2.	Medicine Hat....	Holms, Robert Laird.....	Feb. 27, 1931
2.	Medicine Hat....	Taylor, William Allan.....	Mar. 27, 1931
2.	Medicine Hat....	Smeaton, James.....	June 4, 1931
2.	Medicine Hat....	Niblock, William George	June 11, 1931
2.	Medicine Hat....	Mitchell, William.....	July 5, 1931
3.	Alberta.....	Kope, William E.....	Oct. 1, 1931
4.	North Star.....	Matheson, Edward K.....	Jan. 1, 1931
4.	North Star.....	Livingstone, John Calderhead	Apr. 9, 1931
4.	North Star.....	Broad, Edward T.....	Nov. 16, 1931
4.	North Star.....	Conn, David.....	Oct. 15, 1931
4.	North Star.....	Luckey, Chnton.....	Nov. 1, 1931
4.	North Star.....	Layton, Ernest Frederick	Aug. 24, 1931
5.	Cascade	Beattie, Francis.....	Feb. 3, 1931
6.	Spitzie.....	Rankin, Campbell	May 3, 1931
6.	Spitzie.....	Macdonnell, Ben	Oct., 22, 1931
6.	Spitzie.....	Crum, Alexander William	Dec. 14, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	McMillan, Charles John	Jan. 10, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	McCord, Frank Abernethy	Jan. 14, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	Taylor, Hedley Clarence	Feb. 23, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	Mackenzie, Roderick Alexander	June 4, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	Wolfe, William de.....	Dec. 10, 1931
8.	Innisfail.....	Smith, James.....	July 31, 1931
8.	Innisfail.....	Sveinson, Gudmundur Thomas	Nov. 13, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	McGuire, Charles Hartley	July 2, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Turnbull, Andrew F.....	Aug. 23, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	McCrae, William.....	Sep. 16, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Hall, Charles Melville	Dec. 26, 1931
10.	Eureka.....	Carruthers, Norman Ehpraim	Jan. 20, 1931
11.	Acacia	Clarke, George Eldon.....	June 26, 1931
11.	Acacia	Rodgers, William.....	Jan. 25, 1931
12.	Red Deer.....	Postill, William.....	Mar. 4, 1931
14.	Jasper.....	Wade, Charles Henry Stuart..	Mar. 11, 1931

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
14.	Jasper.....	Macdonald, Duncan.....	May 22, 1931
14.	Jasper.....	Harper, Thomas.....	June 29, 1931
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Bailey, John Ward.....	Jan. 23, 1931
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Wilson, Hugh Beatty.....	Mar. 10, 1931
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Griffiths, Jeffery Griffith.....	Dec. 20, 1931
16.	Mountain View..	Drew, George Parris.....	Feb. 22, 1931
18.	Britannia.....	McLeod, John Robert.....	May 4, 1931
18.	Britannia.....	Turner, William Eldon.....	Oct. 4, 1931
19.	Cornerstone ..	Baird, Thomas.....	July 16, 1931
20.	Carstairs.....	Boucock, William.....	Apr. 3, 1931
21.	King Hiram.....	Smith, George Frederick.....	Mar. 7, 1931
22.	Corinthian.....	Patterson, Hugh.....	Feb. 16, 1931
23.	Calgary.....	Casey, Arthur Chapelle.....	Dec. 23, 1931
23.	Calgary.....	Gertsch, Henry Edwin.....	Nov. 8, 1931
23.	Calgary.....	Guthrie, John.....	Oct. 30, 1931
23.	Calgary.....	Randall, William Carleton.....	July 3, 1931
23.	Calgary.....	Thomas, Arthur.....	Aug. 20, 1931
24.	Vermilion.....	Seed, William James.....	May .., 1931
25.	St. John's.....	Dean, Harry.....	Dec. 14, 1931
27.	Apollo.....	Vooght, Richard Clampitt.....	May 22, 1931
27.	Apollo.....	Thibaudeau, Pythagoris Herbert.....	Sep. 10, 1931
28.	Ashlar.....	Ritchie, William A.....	Apr. 25, 1931
32.	Cairo.....	Dewar, William B.....	Oct. 22, 1931
34.	Star of the West	Jensen, William.....	Aug. 1, 1931
35.	Mizpah.....	Johnson, Charles.....	Feb. 4, 1931
35.	Mizpah.....	Morley, Herbert F.....	May 5, 1931
36.	Gleichen.....	Smith, William.....	Dec. 26, 1931
37.	Camrose.....	Woodhams, Leonard P.....	Apr. 13, 1931
38.	Hope.....	Curtis, Arthur.....	June 8, 1931
38.	Hope.....	Ebbett, Arthur W.....	Apr. 2, 1929
38.	Hope.....	McLean, Archibald J.....	Sep. 23, 1930
40.	Joppa.....	Andrews, Thomas.....	May 10, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Allan, David Sheppard.....	Jan. 26, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Green, John J.....	Feb. 5, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Wright, Edmund.....	June 20, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Ginsberg, Harvey C.....	Nov. 22, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Wyllie, George.....	Dec. 9, 1931
53.	Strathmore.....	Gilbert, William Lionel.....	Feb. 23, 1931
54.	Mount Lebanon..	Morse, Charles C.....	June 13, 1931
57.	Grassy Lake.....	Larsen, William Olif.....	Apr. 19, 1931
58.	Chief Mountain..	Irwin, William G.....	Dec. 17, 1931

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
62.	Coal.....	Lawrie, Thomas Boyd.....	Apr. 15, 1931
62.	Coal.....	McIlveen, William Francis....	Apr. 16, 1931
62.	Coal.....	McKenzie, Frederick Edgar....	Sep. 25, 1931
63.	Empire.....	Watt, George.....	Mar. 30, 1931
66.	St. Andrew's....	Postill, William.....	Mar. 4, 1931
66.	St. Andrew's....	Marsh, Wilfred Carter.....	July 31, 1931
68.	Edson.....	Davies, Ernest Wynne.....	Jan. 17, 1931
68.	Edson.....	Fandrich, Charles M.....	Nov. 16, 1931
70.	Quarry.....	Manfield, William J.....	Dec. 7, 1931
70.	Quarry.....	Rutherford, John.....	Dec. 12, 1931
76.	Fidelity.....	Reay, William.....	July 30, 1931
77.	Stratheona.....	Inkpen, Leonard.....	Aug. .., 1931
78.	Hanna.....	Stewart, John Douglas R.....	Oct. 4, 1931
78.	Hanna.....	Crowe, Aubrey Leslie.....	Dec. 2, 1931
81.	Commercial.....	Griffin, John W.....	Dec. 14, 1931
83.	Zetland.....	Eaton, George H.....	Feb. 16, 1931
83.	Zetland.....	Sinclair, Alexander M. Jr.....	1929
83.	Zetland.....	Bruce, Peter Kennedy.....	Oct. 5, 1931
84.	Champion.....	Woodhall, Benjamin Nelson....	Dec. 27, 1931
87.	Crescent.....	Skene, Charles Fife.....	Feb. 21, 1931
87.	Crescent.....	Stoddart, Thomas.....	Nov. 8, 1931
87.	Crescent.....	Struthers, John.....	Nov. 10, 1931
89.	Peace River....	Dale, David.....	Sep. 22, 1931
91.	Patricia.....	Dykes, Frederick John.....	May 26, 1931
91.	Patricia.....	Kilburn, Nicholas Arthur.....	June 8, 1931
91.	Patricia.....	Boon, Charles W.....	Aug. 19, 1931
93.	Symbol.....	Coates, George Nelson.....	June 17, 1931
102.	Edgerton.....	Wiley, William James.....	Mar. 19, 1931
107.	Carbon.....	Digman, John Hynd.....	Jan. 3, 1931
108.	Pyramid.....	Falardeau, Aaron Gerald.....	May 5, 1931
110.	Kilwinning....	Wheeler, LeRoy A.....	Dec. 31, 1931
112.	Victory.....	Lindholm, Nils Bengston.....	Mar. 24, 1931
119.	York.....	Scott, George.....	Apr. 4, 1931
123.	Rockyford.....	Cochran, William T.....	Sep. 18, 1931
125.	Cavell.....	Smith, Lorne.....	Apr. 2, 1931
142.	Ivanhoe.....	Newson, William Victor.....	Oct. 30, 1931
143.	Jasper Park.....	Skinner, Forbes.....	June 12, 1931
143.	Jasper Park.....	McCaw, Jack Brown.....	Oct. 11, 1931
143.	Jasper Park.....	Long, Charles Ernest.....	Oct. 13, 1931
145.	St. Alban's....	Buckley, John Francis.....	Nov. 27, 1931
154.	Waskatenau....	Dakin, William.....	Aug. 19, 1931
155.	Earl Haig.....	Bole, Thomas M.....	Feb. 11, 1931

SUSPENSIONS N.P.D.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Bow River.....	Barhan, Shuyler W.....	June 3, 1931
1.	Bow River.....	Brotman, Moses Harvey.....	June 3, 1931
1.	Bow River.....	Kearney, Robert G.....	June 3, 1931
1.	Bow River.....	Lindsay, Lionel L.....	June 3, 1931
1.	Bow River.....	White, Richard J. G.....	June 3, 1931
1.	Bow River.....	Workman, Alfred.....	June 3, 1931
1.	Bow River.....	Birnie, Thomas William.....	Dec. 2, 1931
1.	Bow River.....	Lamb, Richard.....	Dec. 2, 1931
1.	Bow River.....	Medley, Clarence.....	Dec. 2, 1931
1.	Bow River.....	McCutcheon, Clarence M.....	Dec. 2, 1931
1.	Bow River.....	Pinnell, Edward Osborne.....	Dec. 2, 1931
2.	Medicine Hat.....	Reid, Archie.....	Dec. 8, 1931
2.	Medicine Hat.....	McIntosh, William.....	Dec. 8, 1931
3.	Alberta.....	Faunt, Joseph Thomas.....	Oct. 21, 1931
4.	North Star.....	Brown, John Frater.....	Dec. 28, 1931
4.	North Star.....	Felger, Lewis Allan.....	Dec. 28, 1931
4.	North Star.....	Garrett, Frederick E.....	Dec. 28, 1931
4.	North Star.....	Kirkham, Norman Phillips.....	Dec. 28, 1931
4.	North Star.....	McPherson, Robert.....	Dec. 28, 1931
4.	North Star.....	Phillips, Herman Deprose.....	Dec. 28, 1931
4.	North Star.....	Rose, James.....	Dec. 28, 1931
4.	North Star.....	Van Horne, Charles H.....	Dec. 28, 1931
5.	Cascade.....	Hamilton, John.....	June 11, 1931
6.	Spitzie.....	Whipple, Russel R.....	Dec. 1, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	Moore, Edward A.....	June 9, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	Graham, William David.....	June 9, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	Berry, George Albert.....	June 9, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	Mackenzie, Archibald R.....	June 9, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	McConnell, John S.....	June 9, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	White, William A.....	June 9, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	MacFarlane, William G.....	Dec. 8, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	Smith, Bliss Botsford.....	Dec. 8, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	Dean, Thomas.....	Dec. 8, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	Gould, Cecil G.....	Dec. 8, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	McLeod, Alexander E.....	Dec. 8, 1931
7.	Edmonton.....	Hanson, Elmer J.....	Dec. 8, 1931
8.	Innisfail.....	Carr, John R.....	June 18, 1931
8.	Innisfail.....	Davidson, Robert.....	June 18, 1931
8.	Innisfail.....	Price, Neal Cheatham.....	June 18, 1931
8.	Innisfail.....	Price, Robert Madison.....	June 18, 1931
8.	Innisfail.....	McKay, John Keir.....	June 18, 1931
8.	Innisfail.....	Holt, Charles Amund.....	June 18, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Allen, Harry J.....	May 19, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Bacon, Arthur Lindley.....	May 19, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Burns, George.....	May 19, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Carder, Thomas Frank.....	May 19, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Davies, Eric James.....	May 19, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Goodwin, Oscar Brookley.....	May 19, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Gaze, Edgar W.....	May 19, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Hutchinson, James M.....	May 19, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Hansen, Carl Emanuel.....	May 19, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Holdsworth, Ansil H.....	May 19, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	McVinnie, James.....	May 19, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Noble, Bertram Forster.....	May 19, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Sereth, Henry Noah.....	May 19, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Stewart, John A. C.....	May 19, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Underwood, Frederick Wm.....	May 19, 1931

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9.	Perfection	Wright, Victor W.	May 19, 1931
10.	Eureka	Hamilton, Albert Edward	June 3, 1931
10.	Eureka	Puffer, Lloyd Wellington	June 3, 1931
10.	Eureka	Ernest, Emil	June 3, 1931
10.	Eureka	Fleming, William Armstrong	June 3, 1931
10.	Eureka	Rhodes, Thomas Sugden	June 3, 1931
10.	Eureka	McQueen, John	June 3, 1931
10.	Eureka	Bailey, Cecil Tilbery	June 3, 1931
10.	Eureka	Bellis, Charles Rowland	June 3, 1931
11.	Acacia	Mattern, LeRoy	Dec. 10, 1931
12.	Red Deer	Hill, Alexander Rogers	Mar. 10, 1931
12.	Red Deer	Killick, John Harold	Mar. 10, 1931
12.	Red Deer	Leigh, Alfred Lorne	Mar. 10, 1931
12.	Red Deer	Moore, Henry Douglas	Mar. 10, 1931
12.	Red Deer	McKinnon, John Locke	Mar. 10, 1931
12.	Red Deer	White, Naldreth	Mar. 10, 1931
14.	Jasper	Blue, John	June 8, 1931
14.	Jasper	Blythe, George Percy	June 8, 1931
14.	Jasper	Adams, Alfred Merritt	June 8, 1931
14.	Jasper	Duncan, Donald Chambers	June 8, 1931
14.	Jasper	Gilfillan, Alexander	June 8, 1931
14.	Jasper	Laing, John M.	June 8, 1931
14.	Jasper	Lucas, George	June 8, 1931
14.	Jasper	McQuarrie, Henry Arthur	June 8, 1931
14.	Jasper	Ogden, Herbert	June 8, 1931
14.	Jasper	Poucher, William Bruce	June 8, 1931
14.	Jasper	Sheldon, Frederick W.	June 8, 1931
14.	Jasper	Watts, Charles William	June 8, 1931
14.	Jasper	Liscum, Jeremiah Darius	Dec. 14, 1931
16.	Mountain View	Murray, Walter Woofendale	Dec. 7, 1931
16.	Mountain View	Overguard, Martin Siguard	
		John	Dec. 7, 1931
16.	Mountain View	Patchett, George	Dec. 7, 1931
16.	Mountain View	Sutherland, Alexander	Dec. 7, 1931
17.	Nanton	Hess, Cecil George	Jan. 16, 1931
17.	Nanton	Wilcox, Horace Edwin	Jan. 16, 1931
17.	Nanton	Hess, George A.	Nov. 20, 1931
18.	Britannia	Newton, Frank	Jan. 7, 1931
18.	Britannia	Smith, John F. M.	Jan. 7, 1931
18.	Britannia	Williams, George Davies	Jan. 7, 1931
20.	Carstairs	Smith, Herbert	Mar. 12, 1931
20.	Carstairs	Amm, Robert John	Mar. 12, 1931
20.	Carstairs	Hickey, John William	Mar. 12, 1931
20.	Carstairs	Slack, Walter Sidney	Mar. 12, 1931
20.	Carstairs	Moore, Alexander	Mar. 12, 1931
21.	King Hiram	Reed, James Michael	June 9, 1931
21.	King Hiram	Freeman, Earl Ernest	June 9, 1931
21.	King Hiram	Pavey, Josiah	June 9, 1931
23.	Calgary	Carslake, William Robert	April 3, 1931
23.	Calgary	Ferguson, Albert Duncan	April 3, 1931
23.	Calgary	Heinlen, Harry Clyde	April 3, 1931
23.	Calgary	Hodges, Virgil Baker	April 3, 1931
23.	Calgary	Johnson, G. A. W.	April 3, 1931
23.	Calgary	Milligan, John Lowry	April 3, 1931
23.	Calgary	Montgomery, James Henry	April 3, 1931
23.	Calgary	Ross, William Henry	April 3, 1931
23.	Calgary	Routledge, John Harris	May 1, 1931
29.	Kenilworth	Howlett, Eli	Mar. 3, 1931
29.	Kenilworth	Lobb, George Albert	Mar. 3, 1931

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29.	Kenilworth.....	Thompson, Charles.....	Mar. 3, 1931
31.	Doric.....	Todd, Robert George M.....	Dec. 8, 1931
31.	Doric.....	Cook, Lloyd T.....	Dec. 8, 1931
33.	Stavely.....	Newsom, Leonard Croft.....	April 7, 1931
33.	Stavely.....	Brand, Scott Alexander.....	April 7, 1931
34.	Star of the West.....	Burnett, John.....	Dec. 5, 1931
34.	Star of the West.....	Dalgleish, Alexander M.....	Dec. 5, 1931
34.	Star of the West.....	Rowe, George G.....	Dec. 5, 1931
34.	Star of the West.....	Shields, Alexander Pearson.....	Dec. 5, 1931
34.	Star of the West.....	Lynn, Russell J.....	Sep. 1, 1931
35.	Mizpah.....	McClain, Frederick Oliver.....	Dec. 15, 1931
35.	Mizpah.....	Tye, Ernest Ellis James.....	Dec. 15, 1931
35.	Mizpah.....	Jack, Angus Beaton.....	Dec. 15, 1931
37.	Camrose.....	Cowan, William Christer.....	Mar. 12, 1931
37.	Camrose.....	McPhail, Albert Edward.....	Mar. 12, 1931
37.	Camrose.....	Hall, Franklin Herbert.....	Mar. 12, 1931
37.	Camrose.....	Cameron, Charles.....	Mar. 12, 1931
37.	Camrose.....	McLean, John George.....	Mar. 12, 1931
38.	Hope.....	Turnbull, Walter B.....	Dec. 31, 1931
39.	Lethbridge.....	McKenzie, Leonard J.....	Dec. 17, 1931
39.	Lethbridge.....	Bass, John Charles.....	Dec. 17, 1931
42.	Bowden.....	Craddock, Arthur F.....	Dec. 22, 1931
43.	Tuscan.....	McGowan, Charles Ernest.....	Feb. 4, 1931
46.	Palestine.....	McLean, Ralph Chadwick.....	Feb. 18, 1931
46.	Palestine.....	Schultz, Alfred F.....	April 15, 1931
46.	Palestine.....	Lee, John, Jr.....	Dec. 16, 1931
46.	Palestine.....	Savage, Harold Robbins.....	Dec. 16, 1931
50.	Comet.....	Embury, Arthur.....	Dec. 10, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Orser, Bruce R.....	Jan. 6, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Armstrong, Wilbert Robert.....	Jan. 6, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Campbell, Clinton Arthur.....	June 2, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Charles, Frederick James.....	June 2, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Connell, Charles Willis.....	June 2, 1931
51.	Unity.....	McPhee, Donald Charles.....	June 2, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Sapper, Abraham.....	June 2, 1931
53.	Strathmore.....	Eves, Thomas Hedgely.....	June 1, 1931
53.	Strathmore.....	Christansen, James Martin.....	June 1, 1931
53.	Strathmore.....	Wallin, Oscar Leonard.....	June 1, 1931
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	South, Henry.....	Mar. 10, 1931
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Endersby, Harry.....	Mar. 10, 1931
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Brackenbury, Thomas C.....	Mar. 10, 1931
56.	Beaver.....	Hewitt, Robert James.....	Dec. 2, 1931
59.	King George.....	Robertson, John P.....	May 8, 1931
59.	King George.....	Robertson, John.....	May 8, 1931
59.	King George.....	Smith, James Scott.....	May 8, 1931
59.	King George.....	Swann, William Martin.....	May 8, 1931
59.	King George.....	Robertson, William Ewing.....	May 8, 1931
59.	King George.....	Langley, Edward Albert.....	May 8, 1931
59.	King George.....	Langford, Cyril William.....	June 12, 1931
59.	King George.....	Snyder, Ross W.....	June 12, 1931
59.	King George.....	Gray, Henry.....	Dec. 11, 1931
59.	King George.....	Hughes, Walter L.....	Dec. 11, 1931
59.	King George.....	McDowell, George.....	Dec. 11, 1931
59.	King George.....	Jackson, Reginald J.....	Dec. 11, 1931
61.	Provost.....	Moorhead, William Fitzhugh.....	June 16, 1931
61.	Provost.....	Hayes, William Edgar.....	June 16, 1931
61.	Provost.....	Howe, Archibald Francisco.....	June 16, 1931
61.	Provost.....	Dalrymple, Wallace Elmo.....	June 16, 1931
61.	Provost.....	Dalrymple, Ned Mead.....	June 16, 1931

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61.	Provost	Brink, Frank C.	June 16, 1931
61.	Provost	Searle, Edward Hubbard	June 17, 1931
63.	Empire	Hart, William Henry	Feb. 16, 1931
63.	Empire	Howard, George D.	Feb. 16, 1931
63.	Empire	Kerkoff, Charles	Feb. 16, 1931
64.	Bow Island	Collard, George Roy	Jan. 27, 1931
64.	Bow Island	Anderson, Ernest	Jan. 27, 1931
64.	Bow Island	Lindwall, Carl	Dec. 15, 1931
64.	Bow Island	Rolfe, Allan Donald	Dec. 15, 1931
64.	Bow Island	Keyes, William Albert	Dec. 15, 1931
64.	Bow Island	Blaine, Thomas Robson	Dec. 15, 1931
64.	Bow Island	Kirkwood, David	Dec. 15, 1931
64.	Bow Island	Livingston, David F.	Dec. 15, 1931
64.	Bow Island	Olson, John Gilbert	Dec. 15, 1931
64.	Bow Island	Roach, Harold Raymond	Dec. 15, 1931
64.	Bow Island	Smith, Brent Davis	Dec. 15, 1931
64.	Bow Island	Stewart, J. Angus	Dec. 15, 1931
64.	Bow Island	Warrey, Edward Robert	Dec. 15, 1931
68.	Edson	Ashton, William	Oct. 1, 1931
68.	Edson	Murie, John Donald	Oct. 1, 1931
68.	Edson	Rice, James J.	Oct. 1, 1931
68.	Edson	Sullivan, John	Oct. 1, 1931
68.	Edson	Foley, George	Oct. 1, 1931
69.	Connaught	Sparling, Raymond	Feb. 3, 1931
69.	Connaught	Storey, Gilbert Erwin	Feb. 3, 1931
70.	Quarry	Wood, Theodore M.	Dec. 1, 1931
73.	Brooks	Grafton, Wilfred Forester	Oct. 20, 1931
73.	Brooks	Clark, Robert Lyle	Oct. 20, 1931
74.	Vulcan	Kiever, Frank Clarence	Dec. 1, 1931
74.	Vulcan	Brown, Edward Luther	Dec. 1, 1931
74.	Vulcan	Cunningham, David C.	Dec. 1, 1931
75.	Harmony	Rose, Edward N.	July 27, 1931
75.	Harmony	Simpson, John Beairsto	July 27, 1931
75.	Harmony	Bridges, John Charles	July 27, 1931
76.	Fidelity	Crossley, Frank	Mar. 31, 1931
76.	Fidelity	Jewel, Delbert Marquis	June 23, 1931
76.	Fidelity	Jewel, Delbert Wayne	June 23, 1931
76.	Fidelity	Willson, Charles	Mar. 31, 1931
76.	Fidelity	White, Jesse Arthur	June 23, 1931
76.	Fidelity	White, William S.	June 23, 1931
77.	Stratheona	Madill, John S.	Dec. 11, 1931
77.	Stratheona	McDonald, Donald	Dec. 11, 1931
77.	Stratheona	Nisbet, Andrew	Dec. 11, 1931
77.	Stratheona	Parkes, John Anthony	Dec. 11, 1931
77.	Stratheona	Smith, Ernest	Dec. 11, 1931
77.	Stratheona	Strip, Roland Alexander	Dec. 11, 1931
81.	Commercial	Wright, Leonard Walter	Feb. 7, 1931
81.	Commercial	Woodman, Fred Eric	Feb. 7, 1931
81.	Commercial	Johnson, Charles	Feb. 7, 1931
81.	Commercial	Thompson, Harry	Feb. 7, 1931
81.	Commercial	Aiken, Garfield	Feb. 7, 1931
81.	Commercial	Kemp, Robert Anson	Feb. 7, 1931
81.	Commercial	Ferguson, Morley Holden	Feb. 7, 1931
83.	Zetland	Bathgate, William J.	Mar. 5, 1931
83.	Zetland	Carter, George Henry	Mar. 5, 1931
83.	Zetland	Cloakey, Oral Douglas	June 4, 1931
83.	Zetland	Crossley, Cyril Saxon	June 4, 1931
83.	Zetland	Dunbar, Edgar A.	Mar. 5, 1931
83.	Zetland	Fraser, Hugh	Mar. 5, 1931

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83.	Zetland	Hornbeck, Hulet Clark	Mar. 5, 1931
83.	Zetland	Moyer, John W.	Mar. 5, 1931
84.	Champion	Hulburt, Amasa Percival	Mar. 12, 1931
84.	Champion	Bridgett, Ernest	Mar. 12, 1931
86.	Rocky Mountain	Mead, Frederick John	Dec. 14, 1931
86.	Rocky Mountain	Barnes, Thomas	Dec. 14, 1931
90.	Norwood	Colley, Orville Wayne	Dec. 8, 1931
90.	Norwood	Blatchford, Kenneth Alex	Dec. 8, 1931
90.	Norwood	Robinson, Archibald	Dec. 8, 1931
91.	Patricia	Ferguson, Arthur S.	June 19, 1931
91.	Patricia	Fraser, Fugl Dunbar	June 19, 1931
91.	Patricia	Grant, Robert Henry	June 19, 1931
91.	Patricia	Kerrison, Niles D.	June 19, 1931
91.	Patricia	Montgomery, Arthur George	June 19, 1931
91.	Patricia	Morrison, Harry J.	June 19, 1931
91.	Patricia	Morrison, John D.	June 19, 1931
91.	Patricia	McJannett, Hugh	June 19, 1931
91.	Patricia	McCammon, William J.	June 19, 1931
91.	Patricai	Owens, Robert B.	June 19, 1931
91.	Patricia	Raver, Charles A.	June 19, 1931
91.	Patricia	Stanford, Thomas	June 19, 1931
91.	Patricia	Smith, Ira Walter	June 19, 1931
91.	Patricia	Stiles, Herbert Walter	June 19, 1931
91.	Patricia	White, William F.	June 19, 1931
91.	Patricia	Boyles, Leslie Leroy	Dec. 18, 1931
91.	Patricia	Grieve, Gavin Hutchison	Dec. 18, 1931
91.	Patricia	Hardie, William J.	Dec. 18, 1931
91.	Patricia	Hilton, Jesse	Dec. 18, 1931
91.	Patricia	Jackson, William Henry	Dec. 18, 1931
91.	Patricia	Johnston, Milton H.	Dec. 18, 1931
91.	Patricia	Lewis Mark R.	Dec. 18, 1931
91.	Patricia	Williamson, George Leslie	Dec. 18, 1931
91.	Patricia	Wheeler, Russel J.	Dec. 18, 1931
93.	Symbol	Irving, George Wellington	June 11, 1931
93.	Symbol	Lines, Frank Thomas	June 11, 1931
93.	Symbol	Cumberford, James	June 11, 1931
95.	Kitchener	Brooks, William	Dec. 18, 1931
95.	Kitchener	Robinson, William	Dec. 18, 1931
95.	Kitchener	Kerr, Kenneth	Dec. 18, 1931
96.	Dynamic	Thompson, William	Mar. 4, 1931
96.	Dynamic	Nicholls, William Arthur	Mar. 4, 1931
96.	Dynamic	Johnson, Olaf	Mar. 4, 1931
96.	Dynamic	Hulbert, Ralph Clayton	Dec. 2, 1931
96.	Dynamic	Pope, William	Dec. 2, 1931
96.	Dynamic	Chappell, Edward Ernest	Dec. 2, 1931
98.	Hand Hill	Church, Charles C.	Sept. 22, 1931
98.	Hand Hill	McCully, Andrew Campbell	Sept. 22, 1931
98.	Hand Hill	Grant, Andrew	Sept. 22, 1931
98.	Hand Hill	Horsky, Charles	Sept. 22, 1931
101.	West Edmonton	McGhie, Earl W.	June 3, 1931
101.	West Edmonton	Scott, Thomas	June 3, 1931
101.	West Edmonton	Dain, Oswald Ross	June 3, 1931
101.	West Edmonton	Little, David	Sept. 2, 1931
102.	Edgerton	Bevington, Cloyde	May 25, 1931
103.	Foremost	Astrof, Samuel	Nov. 2, 1931
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Percy, Charles Wickham	Mar. 4, 1931
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Taylor, Albert J.	Mar. 4, 1931
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Haszard, Williston	Mar. 4, 1931
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Homes, George Hothersall	Mar. 4, 1931

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106.	Lake Saskatoon..	Watson, Robert.....	June 24, 1931
107.	Carbon	Ramsey, James Andrew.....	Mar. 31, 1931
107.	Carbon	Ramsey, Thomas John.....	Mar. 31, 1931
107.	Carbon.....	Bell, Ray A.....	Mar. 31, 1931
107.	Carbon.....	Hempseed, William Gordon...	Mar. 31, 1931
107.	Carbon.....	Elliott, William Brock.....	Mar. 31, 1931
107.	Carbon.....	Braden, Henry Watson.....	Dec. 22, 1931
107.	Carbon.....	Evans, George H. A.....	Dec. 22, 1931
107.	Carbon.....	Johnson, Sydney Chester.....	Dec. 22, 1931
107.	Carbon.....	Poole, William J.....	Dec. 22, 1931
107.	Carbon.....	Shell, William Guy.....	Dec. 22, 1931
109.	Ancient Landmark	Curr, Henry Thomas.....	Dec. 2, 1931
110.	Kilwinning.....	Cornett, John.....	Dec. 31, 1931
110.	Kilwinning.....	Evans, Lewis.....	Dec. 31, 1931
110.	Kilwinning.....	Ferguson, Frank	Dec. 31, 1931
110.	Kilwinning.....	Fertig, George S.....	Dec. 31, 1931
110.	Kilwinning.....	Parlee, Frank P.....	Dec. 31, 1931
110.	Kilwinning.....	Stewart, William E.....	Dec. 31, 1931
111.	Nobleford.....	Ronney, Andrew	April 7, 1931
112.	Victory.....	Fisher, George Andrew.....	July 2, 1931
117.	Dominion.....	Jones, Herbert Mumford	June 24, 1931
118.	St. Mark's.....	Glover, Calver Beesley.....	April 13, 1931
120.	Monitor...	Beebe, Leo R.....	Dec. 28, 1931
120.	Monitor.....	Jack, Henry Robinson	Dec. 28, 1931
120.	Monitor.....	Crisp, Herbert L.....	Dec. 28, 1931
120.	Monitor.....	Hayes, Lyle K.....	Dec. 28, 1931
123.	Rockyford.....	Bell, William J.....	Jan. 29, 1931
124.	Concord.....	Fox, Clifton Elmer.....	Feb. 7, 1931
124.	Concord.....	Hamill, Gerald Eden	Feb. 7, 1931
124.	Concord	Halpenny, William Robert...	Feb. 7, 1931
124.	Concord	Butler, George F.....	Feb. 7, 1931
124.	Concord	Cuthbertson, James R.....	Feb. 7, 1931
128.	Forestburg.....	Grant, George.....	Nov. 25, 1931
132.	Craigmyle.....	Careless, Edwin John.....	Mar. 3, 1931
134.	Renfrew.....	Taylor, Joseph Watson	April 13, 1931
135.	Alliance.....	Gue, Del Irvin.....	Dec. 2, 1931
137.	Irricana.....	Dickinson, Thomas.....	June 16, 1931
138.	Onoway.....	Yeoman, James Henry	Oct. 7, 1931
139.	Melrose.....	Stenhouse, John.....	Mar. 11, 1931
143.	Jasper Park.....	Reid, James Stevenson.....	Sept. 10, 1931
150.	Donalda.....	Rankin, Hugh B.....	Dec. 14, 1931
150.	Donalda.....	Van Dam, John.....	Dec. 14, 1931
150.	Donalda.....	Hawthorne, Sandy.....	Dec. 14, 1931
151.	Lochearn.....	Bristol, Frank.....	June 16, 1931
157.	Sharon.....	Clark, Arthur Gerald.....	Oct. 28, 1931
159.	Lucerne.....	Crawford, John Wesley.....	Mar. 4, 1931

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Bow River.....	Choinard, Charles.....	April 1, 1931
1.	Bow River.....	Price, Thomas.....	Oct. 7, 1931
6.	Spitzie.....	Humfrey, William K.....	Nov. 3, 1931
9.	Perfection.....	Lodge, Frank George.....	May 19, 1931
11.	Acacia.....	Christie, Robert H.....	May 14, 1931
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Shaw, Albert.....	Jan. 15, 1931
16.	Mountain View ..	Brown, Richard Cyril O.....	April 20, 1931
18.	Britannia.....	O'Brien, Joseph Wesley.....	Dec. 3, 1931
19.	Cornerstone.....	Butchart, Arthur Ernest.....	Jan. 15, 1931
19.	Cornerstone.....	Gove, Wallace.....	Mar. 19, 1931
23.	Calgary.....	Hodges, Virgil Baker.....	May 1, 1931
24.	Vermilion.....	Gibson, Walter G.....	Oct. 6, 1931
31.	Doric.....	McMahon, William.....	May 12, 1931
32.	Cairo.....	Gray, Edward T.....	Jan. 5, 1931
32.	Cairo.....	Dewer, William B.....	Jan. 5, 1931
38.	Hope.....	Buchanan, John Hunter.....	June 30, 1931
39.	Lethbridge.....	Mitchell, Stephen B.....	June 18, 1931
46.	Palestine.....	Swift, William Charles.....	Sept. 16, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Karp, Henry.....	Jan. 6, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Yoachim, William.....	Jan. 6, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Walker, Parmenes Gatchell.....	Jan. 6, 1931
51.	Unity.....	McLean, John Daniel.....	Jan. 6, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Mullin, James.....	Sept. 1, 1931
51.	Unity.....	Orser, Bruce R.....	Sept. 1, 1931
51.	Unity.....	MacLean, Neil.....	Nov. 3, 1931
54.	Mount Lebanon..	Pattie, David.....	Sept. 8, 1931
68.	Edson.....	Spinks, Walter A.....	April 2, 1931
68.	Edson.....	Rice, James J.....	Nov. 5, 1931
74.	Vulcan.....	Mason, Roland Charles.....	June 7, 1931
77.	Strathcona.....	Dowley, William B. K.....	Oct. 9, 1931
91.	Patricia.....	Smith, Ira Walter.....	Nov. 20, 1931
110.	Kilwinning.....	Luxton, John.....	Jan. 19, 1931
124.	Concord.....	Butler, George F.....	May 2, 1931
124.	Concord.....	Cuthbertson, James R.....	June 6, 1931
124.	Concord.....	Gall, Clarence R.....	Sept. 5, 1931
159.	Lucerne.....	Crawford, John Wesley.....	Mar. 17, 1931

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1.	Bow River.....	E. W. Thomas.....	R. Swift.....	1430-6th St. N.W., Calgary.....	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat.....	J. H. Kerr.....	W. H. Williams.....	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta.....	N. J. Grier.....	J. S. Collis.....	Macleod.....	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star.....	E. J. H. Fauch.....	W. M. Edwards.....	P. O. Box 402, Lethbridge.....	Second Monday in each month.
5.	Cascade.....	C. L. Skates.....	W. E. Ward.....	Banff.....	Second Thursday in each month.
6.	Spitzee.....	A. M. Blackburn.....	H. O. Purkis.....	Pincher Creek.....	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton.....	A. H. Davis.....	F. Barnhouse.....	Box 34, Edmonton.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Innisfail.....	C. F. Snideman.....	Jas. Laidler.....	Innisfail.....	Third Thursday in each month.
9.	Perfection.....	R. M. Spankle.....	J. C. McDougall.....	2712-21st Ave. W., Calgary.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
10.	Eureka.....	R. J. Troft.....	Jesse Fraser.....	Lacombe.....	First Wednesday in each month.
11.	Acacia.....	J. W. Whiddon.....	Jas. Duncan.....	10705-74th Ave., Edmonton.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
12.	Red Deer.....	E. P. Cronquist.....	A. G. Ayres.....	Red Deer.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
13.	Victoria.....	J. Graham.....	H. N. Carscadden.....	9258-91st St., Edmonton.....	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
14.	Jasper.....	J. H. Morrison.....	H. Sandilands.....	Fort Saskatchewan.....	Second Monday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	T. Marsden.....	G. D. Wallace.....	Wetaskiwin.....	Third Thursday in each month.
16.	Mountain View.....	R. R. Armstrong.....	Dr. C. C. Hartman.....	Olds.....	Friday, on or before full moon.
17.	Nanton.....	J. Frewin.....	W. Frantzen.....	Nanton.....	Third Friday in each month.
18.	Britannia.....	W. E. Addinell.....	R. W. McWilliam.....	Ponoka.....	First Thursday in each month.
19.	Coronation.....	J. M. Blair.....	P. G. Thomas.....	P. O. Drawer 307, High River.....	Third Thursday in each month.
20.	Carstairs.....	J. W. Munro.....	R. D. Sutherland.....	Carstairs.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
21.	King Hiram.....	C. H. Adshad.....	H. Morgan.....	Disbair.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
22.	Conithian.....	R. H. Forckel.....	G. C. Paterson.....	Okoks.....	First Tuesday in each month.
23.	Calgary.....	R. G. Thompson.....	J. A. McNulty.....	1313-13th Ave. W., Calgary.....	First Friday in each month.
24.	St. John's.....	Harry J. Payne.....	J. W. G. Morrisoa.....	Vermilion.....	First Tuesday in each month.
25.	Sentinel.....	J. R. Moore.....	F. W. Laing.....	Vegreville.....	First Monday in each month.
26.	Apollo.....	E. B. Fair.....	H. O. Westrup.....	Hillcrest.....	Second Thursday in each month.
27.	Aslar.....	C. E. Healey.....	H. E. Howard.....	Stettler.....	First Monday in each month.
28.	Kenilworth.....	D. Cole.....	A. A. Menzies.....	402 Grain Exchange Bldg., Calgary.....	Second Thursday in each month.
29.	Summit.....	S. C. Short.....	A. M. Cooke.....	Red Deer.....	First Tuesday in each month.
30.	Doric.....	J. H. Prowse.....	J. Howell Jones.....	P. O. Box 116, Taber.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
31.	Carro.....	D. L. Reynolds.....	J. B. Humphreys.....	Clareholm.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
32.	Stavely.....	T. H. Hagerman.....	M. E. Matchow.....	Stavely.....	First Tuesday in each month.
33.	Star of the West.....	R. F. MacDonald.....	W. E. Hawkins.....	P. O. Box 516, Leduc.....	First Tuesday in each month.
34.	Mizpah.....	G. A. Hoover.....	W. B. Stevens.....	327-2nd St. Medicine Hat.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
35.	Gleichen.....	C. Park.....	A. G. B. Lewis.....	Gleichen.....	First Tuesday in each month.
36.	Camrose.....	A. E. Webb.....	J. Steen.....	Camrose.....	Second Thursday in each month.
37.	Hope.....	J. A. Thord.....	W. N. Crooks.....	Mannville.....	Monday, on or before full moon.
38.	Lethbridge.....	G. H. Martin.....	E. J. Rosster.....	P. O. Box 537, Lethbridge.....	Third Thursday in each month.
39.	Joppa.....	W. C. Sherman.....	A. S. Peebles.....	Granum.....	Second Thursday in each month.

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41.	King Solomon	W. K. Hope	J. W. Louchery	Cochrane	Thursday, on or before full moon.
42.	Rowden	W. G. B. Martin	A. L. Boyd	Rowden	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
43.	Buscan	I. W. Murray	H. W. Smith	Killam	First Wednesday in each month.
44.	Buffalo Park	F. Ridgeway	I. H. Clouston	Wainwright	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
45.	Ionic	F. J. Sellers	W. C. Talman	Alix	Thursday, before full moon.
46.	Palestine	T. R. Murray	A. A. Reines	Tofield	Third Wednesday in each month.
47.	Chinook	G. W. Penn	M. A. Murphy	Cowley	Monday, on or before full moon.
48.	Crossfield	John Robertson	Wm. Laht (Actg.)	Crossfield	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
49.	Robert Burns	Wm. Dayman	F. W. Whitmarsh	Carmangay	Second Monday in each month.
50.	Comet	C. A. Riley	A. W. Dickson	Horseshoe Bay	Second Thursday in each month.
51.	Unity	F. J. Summerill	D. McIntosh	Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
52.	Strathmore	T. Gledinning	W. S. Paterson	Strathmore	First Monday in each month.
53.	Mount Lebanon	P. H. Raymond	P. K. G. Child	3623-7A St. S. W. Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
54.	Bassano	E. P. Currie	H. H. Beeber	Bassano	First Wednesday in each month.
55.	Beaver Lake	J. S. Irving	A. R. Newsham	Grassy Lake	Second Thursday in each month.
56.	Grassy Lake	T. W. Showdon	W. E. McNevin	Cardston	Second Tuesday in each month.
57.	Chief Mountain	K. E. Walters	H. Filieul	Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
58.	King George	K. J. Morrison	V. Cumliffe	1126 Kensington Road, Calgary	Thursday, on or before full moon.
59.	Acme	J. C. Smith	J. C. Smith	Acme	Third Wednesday in each month.
60.	Provost	J. L. Tiffin	Wm. G. Fox	Provost	Third Thursday in each month.
61.	Coal	B. Engen	J. R. Graham	Bawlf	Third Monday in each month.
62.	Empire	E. E. Voss	J. Martland	9618-105th St., Edmonton	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
63.	Bow Island	D. Terriff	F. A. Lumbard	Burdett	First Thursday in each month.
64.	Diamond City	W. Scott	H. B. Fuller	Kipp	Second Thursday in each month.
65.	St. Andrew's	A. L. Johnston	W. H. Anderson	Trochu	First Tuesday in each month.
66.	Charity	W. Thorpe	Chas. Barrett	539-12th St. A. N., Lethbridge	Second Tuesday in each month.
67.	Edson	W. C. Bissell	F. C. Glover	P. O. Box 110, Edson	First Thursday in each month.
68.	Connaught	R. C. Hargrave	P. E. Finch	Redcliff	Tuesday nearest full moon.
69.	Quarry	G. Meadowcroft	A. J. Learmonth	Athabasca	First Tuesday in each month.
70.	Tawatinau	J. H. Ballantine	H. G. Shaw	Coronation	First Wednesday in each month.
71.	Coronation	F. W. Hughes	F. W. Fleming	Brooks	Thursday, on or before full moon.
72.	Brooks	G. Denbigh	Dr. C. E. Anderson	Vulcan	Third Tuesday in each month.
73.	Vulcan	W. D. Murray	F. M. Anderson	Sedgewick	First Tuesday in each month.
74.	Harmony	R. E. Reay	W. J. Cumberland	Bashaw	Monday, on or before full moon.
75.	Fidelity	J. A. Dunn	H. A. Marshall	8955-84th Ave., Edmonton	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
76.	Strathcona	A. H. Pampleton	H. J. Adams	Hanna	Second Friday in each month.
77.	Hanna	C. P. Rowland	F. Grandage (Actg.)	Loughheed	First Wednesday in each month.
78.	Morning Star	A. Aldridge	H. V. Phipps	Strome	Thursday, on or before full moon.
79.	Excelsior	E. A. M. Hawkins	Robt. Cockburn	10124-125th St., Edmonton	Thursday, on or before full moon.
80.	Commercial	N. Steekle	L. R. Martin	Youngstown	First Saturday in each month.
81.	Acadia	H. B. Macdonald	C. R. Cameron	819-2nd St. N. E., Calgary	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
82.	Zetland	J. M. Moffat	G. L. Dupue	Champion	First Thursday in each month.
83.	Champion				Second Thursday in each month.

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86.	Rocky Mountain	R. Gray	J. R. McLeod	P. O. Box 2033, Blairmore	Second Monday in each month.
87.	Crescent	C. C. G. Duthie	M. Currie	607-17th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Wahpun	H. H. Reynolds	C. A. Walker	High Prairie	Thursday, on or after full moon.
89.	Peace River	H. A. George	T. A. Norris	Peace River	Second Wednesday in each month.
90.	Norwood	C. W. Furby	W. Horrocks	12009-91st St. Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
91.	Patricia	W. M. Fawcett	John Henning	Box 491, Edmonton.	Third Friday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan	J. Norquay	W. G. Scott	11516-94th St. Edmonton.	Second Thursday in each month.
93.	Symbol	W. E. G. Anderson	W. A. MacCrimmon	Drumheller	Second Thursday in each month.
94.	Lamont	I. C. Coons	L. B. Adams	Lamont	First Monday in each month.
95.	Kitchener	R. E. Marshall	C. J. Hewitt	Rimby	Friday, on or before full moon.
96.	Dynamic	A. K. James	C. H. Sheman	Holden	First Wednesday in each month.
97.	Albion	I. E. Neil	E. B. Atkins	Chauvin	First Thursday in each month.
98.	Hand Hill	R. Holte	Norman Burke	Deia	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
99.	Verdigris	C. H. McNeely	O. J. Hurlburt	Milk River	Fourth Thursday in each month.
100.	West Edmonton	H. C. Chapin	Wm. MacKenzie	12774-115th St., Edmonton.	First Wednesday in each month.
101.	Edgerton	R. Neil	H. A. Kelly	Edgerton	Monday, on or before full moon.
102.	Foremost	C. G. Peterson	W. T. Pettifor	Foremost	First Wednesday in each month.
103.	Oyen	J. W. Pickard	C. L. Dunford	Oyen	First Friday in each month.
104.	Grande Prairie	F. Frewer	D. W. Patterson	Grande Prairie	Third Wednesday in each month.
105.	Lake Saskatchewan	J. W. Burns	A. E. W. Roberts	Wembley	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
106.	Carbon	I. Kunkel	W. A. Braisher	Carbon	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
107.	Pyramid	L. L. Ray	J. P. Clements	Box 135, Lomond	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
108.	Ancient Landmark	W. J. Denmore	J. P. Webster	Mirror	First Wednesday in each month.
109.	Kilwinning	W. G. Ineson	D. J. Dickson	Innisfree	Third Monday in each month.
110.	Nobleford	S. R. Lison	W. Rubie	Nobleford	First Tuesday in each month.
111.	Victory	A. G. McGregor	W. Boyd	Jarrow	First Thursday in each month.
112.	Cyprus	L. P. Rosch	C. S. McNabb	Three Hills	Third Wednesday in each month.
113.	Westlock	W. S. Lee	Geo. McTavish	Westlock	First Thursday in each month.
114.	Croesus	W. Cassie	J. W. Lawrence	Chinook	Wednesday, on or after full moon.
115.	Spirit River	A. Pickering	A. C. Egan	Spirit River	Third Monday in each month.
116.	Dominion	J. P. Kenning	W. W. Ward	10228-107th St. Edmonton.	Second Wednesday in each month.
117.	St. Mark's	H. E. Routledge	T. H. Price	10224-15th St. S.W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
118.	York	C. E. Griffin	R. H. Edmunds	Box 301, Lethbridge	First Tuesday in each month.
119.	Montreal	M. C. Coote	A. Grace	Montreal	Thursday, on or after full moon.
120.	Clive	W. E. Quicksilver	H. B. Scott	Clive	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
121.	Rising Sun	W. A. Bullis	W. Dean	Gadsby	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
122.	Rockyford	M. S. Saunders	W. Carpenter	Rockyford	Second Monday in each month.
123.	Concord	J. R. Golden	C. F. Solomon	1634-5th St. N.W., Calgary	First Saturday in each month.
124.	Cavell	P. C. Conrad	C. W. Spies	Delburne	Thursday, on or before full moon.
125.	Pembina	P. C. Doughterty	E. Dumbrell	Sanguo	First Monday in each month.
126.	Granite	J. W. Graham	H. Andrews	Blackie	First Wednesday in each month.
127.	Forestburg	F. R. Reeves	Wm. Smith, Jr.	Forestburg	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
128.	Meridian	R. A. Walton	Jms. Malloch	Honey Plain	Second Wednesday in each month.
129.	Hussar	F. R. Reeves	H. D. Brown (Actg.)	Hussar	Second Monday in each month.

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131.	Kitscoty	R. A. Sonley	J. G. Inglis	Kitscoty	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
132.	Craignyle	J. D. J. McDonald	E. A. Cavanaugh	Craignyle	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
133.	Manyberries	R. B. Irvine	E. C. Bennett	Orion	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
134.	Renfrew	F. R. Brason	C. S. B. Lait	233-15th Ave. N. W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
135.	Alliance	E. A. Wholey	W. N. Bates	Barons	First Monday in each month.
136.	Cresset	E. D. Martin	J. A. Gow	Irricana	First Monday in each month.
137.	Irricana	C. E. L. Baker	J. H. May	Onoway	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onoway	M. Stockinsky	A. A. Brown	Daysland	First Wednesday in each month.
139.	Melrose	H. O. Brown	N. A. Houghton	Big Valley	Second Tuesday in each month.
140.	Big Valley	F. R. Riley	A. B. Spencer	Hughenden	First Tuesday in each month.
141.	Efficiency	C. A. Redington	J. H. Cochrane	906 1/2-115th St., Edmonton	First Monday in each month.
142.	Ivanhoe	W. L. Mitchell	M. C. Wright	Box 63, Jasper	Second Thursday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park	T. C. Young	C. B. Huiter	Irma	Third Thursday in each month.
144.	Gratton	L. A. Schon	L. A. Schon	St. Paul	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
145.	St. Alban's	W. G. Fuller	W. G. Fuller	Drumheller	Third Tuesday in each month.
146.	Drumheller	A. P. Hanley	V. W. R. B. Ball	Fairview	Second Thursday in each month.
147.	Northland	O. J. McFadyen	E. J. Martin	Mayerthorpe	Thursday, on or before full moon.
148.	Mayerthorpe	L. Kidd	C. C. Hazen	Box 25, Rosebud	Second Wednesday in each month.
149.	Rosebud	W. L. Hymas	Geo. Stafford	Donalda	Second Monday in each month.
150.	Donalda	R. S. Greenaway	W. E. Porter	Rocky Mountain House	Third Tuesday in each month.
151.	Lochern	R. MacLaren	Jas. Horne	Standard	Third Monday in each month.
152.	Standard	R. C. Hugh	F. A. Wagler	Whitercourt	First Wednesday in each month.
153.	Whitercourt	H. C. Merrifield	T. G. Govenlock	Waskatenau	First Wednesday in each month.
154.	Waskatenau	T. C. Jewell	F. J. Henry	Barhead	Second Wednesday in each month.
155.	Earl Haig	F. P. Brant	F. J. Thurston	Hythe	Last Thursday in each month.
156.	Hythe	A. F. Clark	J. G. McQuarrie	Iron Springs	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
157.	Sharon	J. J. Watson	W. A. Drennan	Sunnyside	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
158.	Berry Creek	D. A. Grosert	E. H. Tarrett	Vauxhall	First Tuesday in each month.
159.	Lucerne	D. Christie	J. J. Marshall	Sixsmith	Second Wednesday in each month.
160.	Sixsmith	T. C. Bruce	W. R. Roberts		

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1	Bow River.....	299	7	7	8	..	2	7	11	..	4	286	..	13
2	Medicine Hat...	245	7	7	7	1	..	1	2	..	5	246	1	..
3	Alberta.....	90	2	2	3	3	..	1	1	..	1	92	2	..
4	North Star.....	265	3	3	3	4	..	3	8	..	6	255	..	10
5	Cascade.....	171	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	..	1	168	..	3
6	Spitzie.....	88	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	..	3	83	..	5
7	Edmonton.....	295	8	9	9	16	..	9	12	..	5	293	..	2
8	Innisfail.....	86	..	..	1	1	..	4	6	..	2	75	..	11
9	Perfection.....	429	6	8	8	6	1	5	16	..	4	417	..	12
10	Eureka.....	128	5	4	5	4	..	4	8	..	1	124	..	4
11	Acacia.....	203	4	4	4	3	1	2	1	..	2	206	3	..
12	Red Deer.....	136	4	6	6	2	..	..	6	..	1	135	..	1
13	Victoria.....	63	3	3	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	66	3	..
14	Jasper.....	192	4	5	5	..	..	3	13	..	3	177	..	15
15	Wetaskiwin.....	112	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	3	109	..	3
16	Mountain View..	85	..	..	..	2	1	2	4	..	1	81	..	4
17	Nanton.....	92	1	1	1	1	..	1	3	..	..	90	..	2
18	Britannia.....	91	2	2	1	6	1	3	3	..	2	92	1	..
19	Cornerstone.....	152	11	11	11	6	2	2	..	..	1	168	16	..
20	Carstairs.....	58	2	2	2	1	..	..	5	..	1	55	..	3
21	King Hiram.....	112	1	1	1	..	..	5	3	..	1	104	..	8
22	Corinthian.....	154	12	12	17	1	..	3	..	..	1	163	9	..
23	Calgary.....	256	4	6	5	4	1	6	9	..	5	245	..	11
24	Vermilion.....	113	..	1	1	1	1	4	..	..	1	110	..	3
25	St. John's.....	115	2	2	3	8	..	4	..	..	1	120	5	..
26	Sentinel.....	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	72	..	1
27	Apollo.....	124	4	5	5	2	..	5	..	..	2	123	..	1
28	Ashlar.....	223	3	3	3	2	..	9	..	..	1	218	..	5
29	Kenilworth.....	105	3	3	2	1	..	5	3	..	..	101	..	4
30	Summit.....	59	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	1	..
31	Doric.....	57	3	3	3	..	1	4	2	..	..	55	..	2
32	Cairo.....	75	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	78	3	..
33	Stavely.....	64	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	61	..	3
34	Star of the West	73	..	..	..	1	..	6	5	..	1	62	..	11
35	Mizpah.....	136	1	..	..	6	..	6	3	..	2	132	..	4
36	Gleichen.....	97	1	1	1	2	..	2	..	..	1	97	..	..
37	Camrose.....	108	1	1	1	3	..	2	5	..	1	104	..	4
38	Hope.....	48	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	..	3	48	..	..
39	Lethbridge.....	171	4	3	4	1	1	1	2	..	..	174	3	..
40	Joppa.....	55	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	53	..	2
41	King Solomon...	30	5	4	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	36	6	..
42	Bowden.....	51	1	2	4	1	..	..	1	..	..	52	1	..
43	Tuscan.....	87	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	83	..	4
44	Buffalo Park....	72	2	1	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	74	2	..

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45	Ionic.....	36	1	2	2							37	1	...
46	Palestine.....	66	1	1	1		1	2	4			62		4
47	Chinook.....	39	1	1	1			1				39		...
48	Crossfield.....	73	2	2	2	3						78	5	...
49	Robert Burns...	35	3	4	3							38	3	...
50	Comet.....	46				1		2	1			44		2
51	Unity.....	430	7	9	9	4	7	8	7		5	428		2
53	Strathmore.....	97	2	2	2	2		2	3		1	95		2
54	Mount Lebanon..	243	1	1	2		1	9	3		1	232		11
55	Bassano.....	87				1		2				86		1
56	Beaver.....	68	3	4	1	2		2	1			70	2	...
57	Grassy Lake.....	46									1	45		1
58	Chief Mountain..	42	5	6	5	1		2			1	45	3	...
59	King George.....	325	7	9	11	6		6	12			320		5
60	Acme.....	53	1			4		2				56	3	...
61	Provost.....	65	1	1				1	7			58		7
62	Coal.....	32						1			3	28		4
63	Empire.....	161	4	4	5	2		3	3		1	160		1
64	Bow Island.....	84	1	2	2	1		1	13			72		12
65	Diamond City...	36	2	3	3	1						39	3	...
66	St. Andrews.....	59	1	1	1	1		1			2	58		1
67	Charity.....	84	4	5	5			4				84		...
68	Edson.....	152	4	6	14		2	7	5		2	144		8
69	Connaught.....	49	1		1	1		5	2			44		5
70	Quarry.....	51	1	1	1			2	1		2	47		4
71	Athabasca.....	41	4	2	2	2		2				45	4	...
72	Coronation.....	99	3	3	3	4		2				104	5	...
73	Brooks.....	106	2	2	2	2		2	2			106		...
74	Vulcan.....	104			2	1	1		3			103		1
75	Harmony.....	52						2	3			47		5
76	Fidelity.....	85	1	1	1	2		4	6		1	77		8
77	Strathcona.....	183	5	4	4	4	1	4	6		1	182		1
78	Hanna.....	104	1	1	1	1		4			2	100		4
79	Morning Star...	36	1	1	1							37	1	...
80	Excelsior.....	28						1				27		1
81	Commercial.....	206	2	2	2	3		12	7		1	191		15
82	Acadia.....	61						2				59		2
83	Zetland.....	246	2	2	2	7		8	8		3	236		10
84	Champion.....	59						1	2		1	55		4
86	Rocky Mountain..	76	2	2	2			4	2			72		4
87	Crescent.....	243	6	7	7	3		1			3	248	5	...
88	Wahpun.....	44				2						46	2	...
89	Peace River.....	69				1		1			1	68		1

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90	Norwood.....	118	4	3	4	3		3	3			119	1	
91	Patricia.....	399	3	4	3	1	1	15	24		3	362		37
92	Saskatchewan...	101	6	6	6	2		1				108	7	
93	Symbol.....	200	2	2	2			6	3		1	192		8
94	Lamont.....	51	2	1	1	1		2				52	1	
95	Kitchener.....	32	3	2	2			1	3			31		1
96	Dynamic.....	51	1	1	3	2		2	6			46		5
97	Albion.....	33						2				31		2
98	Hand Hill.....	56	2	1	1			2	4			52		4
100	Verdigris.....	58	4	5	7							62	4	
101	West Edmonton	115	6	9	5	3		1	4			119	4	
102	Edgerton.....	39							1		1	37		2
103	Foremost.....	38	2	3	3	1			1			40	2	
104	Oyen.....	76						1				75		1
105	Grande Prairie.	101	4	3	3	3		5				103	2	
106	Lake Saskatoon	58	1	1	1			2	5			52		6
107	Carbon.....	56						1	10		1	44		12
108	Pyramid.....	43						3			1	39		4
109	Ancient													
	Landmark...	49	1	2	2			2	1			47		2
110	Kilwinning.....	37	5	5		3	1	3	6		1	36		1
111	Nobleford.....	33						2	1			30		3
112	Victory.....	29	2	2				1	1	1	1	27		2
113	Cyprus.....	53	1	1	1			2				52		1
114	Westlock.....	67	6	6	6			1				72	5	
115	Crocus.....	44	1	1	1	1						46	2	
116	Spirit River.....	72	5	6	8	1		4				74	2	
117	Dominion.....	93	3	4	4			1	1			94	1	
118	St. Mark's.....	107	7	7	8	3		3	1			113	6	
119	York.....	110	1	1	2	5		1			1	114	4	
120	Monitor.....	49	1	1	1				4			46		3
121	Clive.....	24						1				23		1
122	Rising Sun.....	66	1	1	2			1				66		
123	Rockyford.....	52				1		2	1		1	49		3
124	Concord.....	116	12	11	12	3	3	6	5			123	7	
125	Cavell.....	45				1		1			1	44		1
126	Pembina.....	35	3	3	3			1				37	2	
127	Granite.....	75	4	6	6			1				78	3	
128	Forestburg.....	43	3	1	1			1	1			44	1	
129	Meridian.....	40				1						41	1	
130	Hussar.....	40	1	1	1			2				39		1
131	Kitscoty.....	37	5	3	5	2		1				43	6	
132	Craigmyle.....	34							1			33		1
133	Manyberries.....	34	1	1	3			3				32		2

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134	Renfrew	154	2	2	2	5	...	10	1	...	...	150	...	4
135	Alliance	35	1	1	1	...	...	2	1	...	...	33	...	2
136	Cresset	33	1	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	35	2	...
137	Irricana	48	1	3	5	1	...	3	1	...	...	46	...	2
138	Onoway	29	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	27	...	2
139	Melrose	31	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	31	...	...
140	Big Valley	54	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	49	...	5
141	Efficiency	29	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	...
142	Ivanhoe	151	12	13	12	10	...	5	...	...	1	167	16	...
143	Jasper Park	99	3	3	4	...	...	3	1	...	3	95	...	4
144	Gratton	37	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	1	...
145	St. Alban's	56	1	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	55	...	1
146	Drumheller	62	2	2	3	2	...	2	...	...	...	64	2	...
147	Northland	30	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	33	3	...
148	Mayerthorpe	29	2	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	29	...	...
149	Rosebud	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	...
150	Donalda	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	21	...	3
151	Lochearn	51	3	4	4	2	...	4	1	...	...	51	...	...
152	Standard	25	1	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	25	...	...
153	Whitecourt	25	1	2	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	28	3	...
154	Waskatenau	14	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	16	2	...
155	Earl Haig	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	25	...	1
156	Hythe	27	3	4	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	29	2	...
157	Sharon	26	3	3	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	28	2	...
158	Berry Creek	29	4	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	4	...
159	Lucerne	14	3	...	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	19	5	...
UD	Sexsmith	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	21	21	...
		14214	355	374	407	249	36	368	338	1	119	14028	217	403

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District of Columbia.....	J. Claude Keiper.....	Masonic Temple, Washington, D.C.
England.....	P. Colville Smith.....	Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen St., London, [W.C. 2.]
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Frank F. Baker.....	Macon.
Guatemala.....	Francisco Meindl.....	Guatemala City.
Idaho.....	Curtis F. Pike.....	Boise City.
Illinois.....	Richard C. Davenport.....	Harrisburg.
Indiana.....	W. H. Swints.....	Masonic Temple, Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	C. C. Hunt.....	Masonic Library, Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Henry C. Shellard.....	Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth St., Dublin.
Italy.....	C. Negis.....	Casella Postale 443, Rome.
Kansas.....	Elmer F. Strain.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Fred W. Hardwick.....	206 Shubert Bldg., Louisville.
Louisiana.....	L. E. Thomas.....	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine.....	C. E. Leach.....	Masonic Temple, Portland.
Manitoba.....	James A. Ovas.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	George Cook.....	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	F. W. Hamilton.....	Boston.
Mexico (York G.L.).....	A. Percival Hughes.....	Mexico City.
Michigan.....	Lou B. Winsor.....	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	John Fishel.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Edward L. Faucette.....	Meridian.
Missouri.....	Arthur Mather.....	Masonic Temple, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St. [Louis]
Montana.....	Luther T. Hauberg.....	Box 896, Helena.
Nebraska.....	Lewis E. Smith.....	401 Masonic Temple, Omaha.
Netherlands.....	A. F. L. Faubel.....	Hague.
Nevada.....	V. M. Henderson.....	Carson City.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	Ritchies' Building, St. John.
New Hampshire.....	H. M. Cheney.....	3 North Main St., Concord.
New Jersey.....	Isaac Cherry.....	Masonic Temple, Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New South Wales.....	David Cunningham.....	Masonic Hall, Castlereagh St., Sydney.
New York.....	F. J. Milligan.....	Masonic Hall, New York City.
New Zealand.....	Col. Geo. Barclay.....	P.O. Box 1227, Christ Church.
North Carolina.....	John H. Anderson.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo.
Norway.....	E. L. Hansen.....	Nedre Vollgate 19, Oslo.
Nova Scotia.....	James C. Jones.....	Freemasons' Hall, Halifax.
Ohio.....	Harry S. Johnson.....	E. 5th St., Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	C. A. Sturgeon.....	Guthrie.
Oregon.....	D. R. Cheney.....	Masonic Temple, Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	John A. Perry.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Peru.....	Abelardo L. Montes.....	P.O. Box 587, Lima.
Philippine Islands.....	Newton C. Comfort.....	P.O. Box 990, Manila.
Porto Rico.....	Jose G. Torres.....	San Juan.
Prince Edward Island.....	Ernest Kemp.....	P.O. Box 104, Charlottetown.
Quebec.....	W. W. Williamson.....	P.O. Box 3172, Montreal.
Queensland.....	Chas. H. Harley.....	Masonic Hall, Alice Street, Brisbane.
Rhode Island.....	Harold L. McAulan.....	Freemasons' Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan.....	W. B. Tate.....	Box 254, Regina.
Scotland.....	T. G. Winning.....	Freemasons' Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh.
South Australia.....	Chas. R. J. Glover.....	Columbia.
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Sioux Falls.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Stockholm.
Sweden.....	Yngve G. Wisin.....	117 Macquarie Street, Hobart.
Tasmania.....	W. H. Strutt.....	Nashville.
Tennessee.....	T. E. Doss.....	Waco.
Texas.....	W. B. Pearson.....	Salt Lake City.
Utah.....	S. H. Goodwin.....	Burlington.
Vermont.....	Archie S. Harriman.....	25 Collins Street, Melbourne.
Victoria.....	William Stewart.....	Masonic Temple, Richmond.
Virginia.....	Jas. M. Clift.....	Tacoma.
Washington.....	Horace W. Tyler.....	Perth.
West Australia.....	J. D. Stevenson.....	Charleston.
West Virginia.....	Geo. S. Laidley.....	470 Van Buren St., Milwaukee.
Wisconsin.....	Wm. F. Weiler.....	Masonic Temple, Casper.
Wyoming.....	Jos. M. Lowndes.....	

Elected at Its Foundation on the 12th Day of October, 1905, and Annually Thereafter

*Deceased

LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. A. Hargreaves (9)

No. 1	Bow River.....	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade.....	Banff
No. 9	Perfection.....	Calgary
No. 23	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar.....	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen.....	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon.....	Cochrane
No. 53	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon.....	Calgary
No. 59	King George.....	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland.....	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent.....	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's.....	Calgary
No. 124	Concord.....	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew.....	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. F. Y. Archibald (73)

No. 2	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah.....	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano.....	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake.....	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island.....	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry.....	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks.....	Brooks
No. 159	Lucerne.....	Vauxhall

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. E. Wynne (15)

No. 7	Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West.....	Leduc
No. 51	Unity.....	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson.....	Edson
No. 71	Tawatinaw.....	Athabasca
No. 81	Commercial.....	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian.....	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park.....	Jasper
No. 145	St. Alban's.....	St. Paul
No. 154	Waskatenau.....	Waskatenau

DISTRICT No. 4

D D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. Bookless (42)

No. 8	Innisfail.....	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka.....	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer.....	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View.....	Olds
No. 18	Britannia.....	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs.....	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram.....	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth.....	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden.....	Bowden
No. 48	Crossfield.....	Crossfield
No. 95	Kitchener.....	Rimbey
No. 151	Locheearn.....	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M —R. W. Bro. N. A. Houghton (139)

No. 37	Camrose.....	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan.....	Killam
No. 50	Comet.....	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost.....	Provost
No. 62	Coal.....	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony.....	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star.....	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior.....	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg.....	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance.....	Alliance.
No. 139	Melrose.....	Daysland
No. 141	Efficiency.....	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. E. McKeage (17)

No. 17	Nanton.....	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone.....	High River
No. 22	Corinthian.....	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo.....	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely.....	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa.....	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. H. James (65)

No. 4	North Star.....	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric.....	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge
No. 65	Diamond City.....	Coalhurst
No. 67	Charity.....	Lethbridge
No. 100	Verdigris.....	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost.....	Foremost
No. 119	York.....	Lethbridge
No. 133	Manyberries.....	Manyberries
No. 157	Sharon.....	Iron Springs

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. F. J. Smith (26)

No. 3	Alberta.....	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie.....	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel.....	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit.....	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook.....	Cowley
No. 58	Chief Mountain.....	Cardston
No. 86	Rocky Mountain.....	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. E. Porter (150)

No. 27	Apollo.....	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic.....	Alix
No. 56	Beaver.....	Castor
No. 72	Coronation.....	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor.....	Monitor
No. 121	Clive.....	Clive
No. 122	Rising Sun.....	Gadsby
No. 140	Big Valley.....	Big Valley
No. 150	Donalda.....	Donalda

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. W. Fraser (25)

No. 11	Acacia.....	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria.....	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's.....	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope.....	Mannville
No. 63	Empire.....	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont.....	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning.....	Minburn
No. 117	Dominion.....	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty.....	Kitscoty

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. N. Hanna (108)

No. 49	Robert Burns.....	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan.....	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion.....	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid.....	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford.....	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite.....	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset.....	Barons.

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. H. B. Fowler (14)

No. 14	Jasper.....	Edmonton
No. 77	Strathcona.....	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia.....	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan.....	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock.....	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina.....	Sangudo

No. 138	Onoway.....	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe.....	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe.....	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt.....	Whitecourt
No. 155	Earl Haig.....	Barrhead

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. J. Martin (147)

No. 88	Wahpun.....	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River.....	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie.....	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon.....	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River.....	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland.....	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe.....	Hythe
No. 160	Sexsmith.....	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. W. Lawrence (115)

No. 78	Hanna.....	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia.....	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill.....	Delia
No. 104	Oyen.....	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus.....	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle.....	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek.....	Pollockville

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. J. Cairns (109)

No. 60	Acme.....	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's.....	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity.....	Bashaw
No. 109	Ancient Landmark.....	Mirror
No. 113	Cyprus.....	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell.....	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana.....	Irricana

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. G. Nelson (130)

No. 93	Symbol.....	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon.....	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford.....	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar.....	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller.....	Drumheller
No. 149	Rosebud.....	Rosebud
No. 152	Standard.....	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. A. Waite (112)

No. 44	Buffalo Park.....	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine.....	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught.....	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic.....	Holden
No. 97	Albion.....	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton.....	Edgerton
No. 112	Victory.....	Jarrow
No. 144	Gratton.....	Irma

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.
2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?
Answer: The constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
Proceedings, 1916.
3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?
Answer: Yes: Proceedings, 1916.
4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?
Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
Proceedings, 1916.
5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.
6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?
Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be. The brother can only rank as Past Master after having been elected to and faithfully performed the duties of Master of a craft lodge.
Proceedings, 1916.
7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?
Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimit by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.

Proceedings, 1925.

15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.

16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.
Proceedings, 1925.

17. **Question:** Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?
- Answer:** A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.
18. **Question:** What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?
- Answer:** All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.
19. **Question:** May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?
- Answer:** No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.
20. **Question:** Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?
- Answer:** Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.
21. **Question:** Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?
- Answer:** Yes. Proceedings, 1925.
22. **Question:** Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?
- Answer:** No. Proceedings, 1929.
23. **Question:** Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?
- Answer:** No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action. Proceedings, 1929.

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
25. Question: If a committee appointed on the application of a brother, who has been suspended N.P.D., reports unfavorably, has the W.M. power to declare him rejected?
Answer: No. Lodge must make decision and by written ballot. Proceedings, 1931.
26. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
27. Question: Re notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
28. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without new notice of motion?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
29. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
30. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
31. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
32. Question: Can an application be received from one who has been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, during the whole of which time he was taking post graduate courses, always with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he has not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant?
Answer: Yes. He has not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction, and having returned home to resume the practise of his profession, should not be regarded as having lost his standing as a resident. Proceedings, 1932.



*Central Masonic Temple
Edmonton*

The Central Masonic Temple

100th Avenue, Edmonton

These photographs depict the dignified and stately edifice recently erected by the Masons of the City of Edmonton and vicinity to afford appropriate accommodation for the numerous lodges and Masonic bodies which meet in the capital. As may be seen from the pictures, the building, without and within, is visible evidence of the faith of the Edmonton members in the stability and future, not only of their beloved Craft, but also in their city and the magnificent country stretching for great distances on every side.

The general effect as one approaches the building is at once arresting and pleasing to the eye. The deep arches of the entrance, the tall pilasters, the traceried windows of white stone against the dark red brickwork, with the spreading steps to form a solid base, are an architectural rendering of the symbolism of the great pillars of Masonry.

The main entrance gives access to a spacious hall, floored in terrazzo work with emblems inlaid in copper. On the right are the Temple offices. Immediately in front are large doors connecting with the auditorium, thus enabling it to be used for Masonic purposes when required. Down the hall to the left is a stone staircase and elevator shaft, descending to a large banquet hall in the basement and connecting with the different floors above. The banquet room is very large and can be divided by a movable partition, while kitchens and storerooms are well fitted and most convenient for serving. A comfortable club room adjoins the banquet room and an up-to-date heating plant is also installed in the basement.

The public entrance to the auditorium is at the right of the main entrance and this part of the building can be used without interference in any way with the Masonic use of the rest of the temple. It opens into a wide hall with cloak rooms and thence into a foyer, from which the auditorium is entered and which, with its gallery over the foyer, can seat six hundred people. The stage is of good proportion, with dressing rooms on either side. The hall is lofty and well lighted and the general treatment of the walls in colored and textured plaster, together with the mahogany woodwork, oak floor and the rich hangings of the proscenium curtain, make it especially attractive for public gatherings, such as lectures, musicales and dances.

Returning to the Masonic part of the building, upstairs on the first mezzanine floor are to be found committee and dressing rooms, affording ample accommodation for several committees to work at the same time. Two lodge rooms, with the necessary ante-rooms for each, are situated on the upper floor. These lodge rooms are separated entirely by a well furnished lounge of adequate dimensions. The large lodge room is finished in oak and the smaller one in mahogany, both being equipped with comfortably upholstered seating. These lodge rooms have a very attractive appearance, panelling and furniture being carefully selected to obtain a rich and restful effect, enhanced by the textured plaster of the walls and the tiled rubber flooring. Both are well lighted by stained glass windows, containing emblems of the different degrees, while the electric lighting is of the latest type, on the dimmer system, with which the most artistic effects can be obtained. Particular attention is directed to the hand carved Master and Wardens' chairs, the altars, etc., which



Principal Lodge Room



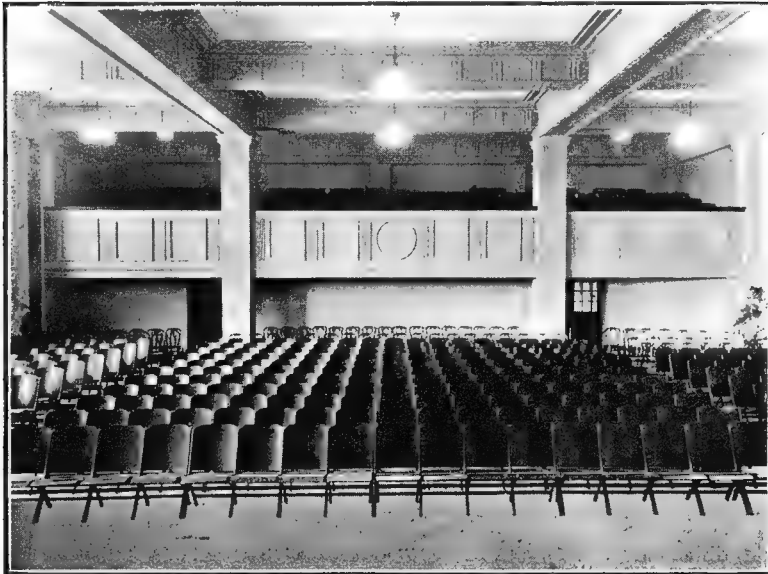
Lodge and Chapter Room

have been especially designed for each lodge room and will repay a careful study. No pains have been spared to make each lodge room a complete and harmonious whole in itself. Indeed, this idea is carried out everywhere in the building.

Above the central and dividing lounge room is a second mezzanine floor which contains a comfortably furnished club room occupied by the members of the A. & A.S.R. On this floor the locker rooms are also located.

The entire building has been constructed from the foundation with an ample margin of strength so that at least two more stories can be erected at some future time.

From the foregoing description it is evident, that every care in designing a commodious, comfortable and well equipped Masonic Temple has been taken and the Edmonton brethren have a home that is most attractive and practical. Members throughout the jurisdiction have joined heartily in congratulating those who have, at no small sacrifice thus publically proclaimed to the world their belief in the worth of Masonry by the erection of this handsome pile—for here is expressed the ideals, the dreams and the aspirations of many brethren who have longed for years to possess a Masonic Temple, that will stand to them as a symbol of the Wisdom of Him Who first said, "Let there be light." of His Strength in carrying out His purposes, and of His Beauty, which is everywhere present.



Auditorium

REPORT

of the

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., Chairman

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your committee submits a review of Proceedings of the following jurisdictions for the year 1931, as intimated in the sub-joined list. There are also a few reviews of 1930 Proceedings, which did not appear in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1931. These will appear in the review in their appropriate order.

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| 1. Alabama—1931 | 36. New Mexico—1931 |
| 2. Arizona—1931 | 37. New South Wales—1930 |
| 3. Arkansas—1931 | 38. New Zealand—1931 |
| 4. British Columbia—1930-31 | 39. New Jersey—1931 |
| 5. California—1931 | 40. New York—1930-31 |
| 6. Canada in Ontario—1930-31 | 41. North Carolina—1931 |
| 7. Colorado—1931 | 42. North Dakota—1931 |
| 8. Connecticut—1931 | 43. Nova Scotia—1930-31 |
| 9. Delaware—1931 | 44. Ohio—1931 |
| 10. District of Columbia—1931 | 45. Oklahoma—1931 |
| 11. England—1931 | 46. Oregon—1931 |
| 12. Florida—1931 | 47. Pennsylvania—1931 |
| 13. Georgia—1931 | 48. Philippine Islands—1931 |
| 14. Idaho—1931 | 49. Prince Edward Is.—1930-31 |
| 15. Illinois—1931 | 50. Quebec—1930-31 |
| 16. Indiana—1931 | 51. Queensland—1931 |
| 17. Iowa—1931 | 52. Rhode Island—1931 |
| 18. Ireland—1931 | 53. Saskatchewan—1930-31 |
| 19. Kentucky—1931 | 54. Scotland—1931 |
| 20. Kansas—1931 | 55. South Australia—1931 |
| 21. Louisiana—1931 | 56. South Carolina—1931 |
| 22. Maine—1931 | 57. South Dakota—1931 |
| 23. Manitoba—1930-31 | 58. Tasmania—1931 |
| 24. Maryland—1931 | 59. Tennessee—1931 |
| 25. Massachusetts—1931 | 60. Texas—1931 |
| 26. Mexico (York G. L.)—1930 | 61. Utah—1932 |
| 27. Michigan—1931 | 62. Vermont—1931 |
| 28. Minnesota—1931 | 63. Victoria—1931 |
| 29. Mississippi—1931 | 64. Virginia—1931 |
| 30. Missouri—1931 | 65. Washington—1931 |
| 31. Montana—1931 | 66. Western Australia—1931 |
| 32. Nebraska—1931 | 67. West Virginia—1931 |
| 33. Nevada—1931 | 68. Wisconsin—1931 |
| 34. New Brunswick—1930-31 | 69. Wyoming—1931 |
| 35. New Hampshire—1931 | |

The chairman desires in this foreword to express his sincere appreciation of the assistance rendered by the other members of the committee, namely:

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R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey
R. W. Bro. Wm Ireland
R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay

The chairman desires to express gratification in the undertaking of M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, the Grand Master, to submit reviews of the Proceedings of the Annual Reports of the eight other Canadian Grand Jurisdictions for the years 1930 and 1931, thereby filling the vacancy among the active reviewers caused by the death of the late M. W. Bro. Hedley C. Taylor. We look forward to a continuance by M. W. Bro. Blackstock of these labors for many years to come. I feel sure that his work will be greatly appreciated, not only by the brethren in Alberta, but by our friends and correspondents in all parts of the Masonic world.

Among the matters appearing in the review of the Proceedings is the recrudescence of clandestine or spurious Freemasonry in various parts of America. In New York, Ohio and other places the exploitation of credulous members of our Fraternity and of uninformed and well-meaning non-Masons who from various causes have a favorable opinion of Freemasonry, appeal to the unscrupulous promoters to present a profitable field for their activities. The facility with which a few men may become incorporated under the Corporation Laws of various States in the American Union presents the opportunity to these men of obtaining a cloak or shield for their illegitimate operations. The Grand Lodges affected are awake to the necessity of combating this danger and are taking every legal precaution to render these clandestine activities futile as well as sending out warnings to all the regular Grand Jurisdictions to be alert and ready to meet any such propaganda or activity.

Notwithstanding the severe business depression existing throughout the entire North American Continent the reports would indicate that the Institution of Freemasonry is maintaining a sound financial position in the face of somewhat diminishing membership. The most serious cause of decrease of membership is suspension for non-payment of dues, no very effective solution of this problem having yet been found which is of general application.

Your committee trusts that its labors may be acceptably received by the Craft throughout the jurisdiction of Alberta. We know that it may receive commendation or criticism from our brother correspondents, but we also know that any criticism will be made with the kindest feelings and in a spirit of mutual helpfulness.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

ALABAMA

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama assembled for the One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Communication in Montgomery on December 1st, 1931, at 8:00 p.m.

We read that business was concluded and, after prayer, the Grand Master's gavel fell in closing at 10:50 p.m. the following night. Who can deny that many of our best members of Grand Lodge are precluded the pleasure of attendance, and Grand Lodge the benefit of their advice, because of our two and three-day sessions requiring more of their time than they can afford to give?

Grand Masters in Alabama are usually accorded a second term and thus we find M. W. Bro. Robert F. Lovelady again presiding. As they say in "Alabam'," they opened their session with "fumadiddles." Undeterred by the panning and the punning of Foreign Correspondents, Bro. Lovelady repeated again this year the prelude formalities of last year of having present the past and present grand officers of the Order of the Eastern Star, in addition to the usual public functionaries. The good lady Grand Matron announced that the usual custom of presenting the Grand Master with a bouquet would be varied and that instead they were presenting a cow to the Masonic Home. Grand Lodge saw the joke and had a good laugh!

The Grand Representatives, including our ever faithful brother, were received and welcomed. Six commissions were forfeited by reason of failure to attend three successive sessions.

Sounding a practical note in the opening of the address, M. W. Bro. Lovelady pleaded with the brethren to take their Masonry out of the four lodge room walls into the workaday troubled world. "The test of friendship is adversity and the test of your Masonry is what you are willing to do for mankind in adversity. The testing time is here and these days of adversity and depression will show us whether you have really been made a Mason in your heart or whether you are a Mason only from the skin out." That is a searching and, we believe, opportune remark.

The drive for funds for the Home last year was not entirely successful and in view of conditions was not continued this year. The good ladies of the Eastern Star, however, came to the rescue with a donation of \$10,000 with which they had intended erecting a nursery. Womanlike, they forgot their own ambitions and gave this to the Home in its need.

Much grief and many heartburnings in lodges and Grand Lodges would be saved by following the usual business practices of bonding the financial officers and having annual audits by chartered accountants. The unfortunate feature is that these things usually are done after some regrettable circumstance has arisen. We sympathize with Alabama in their misfortune, but congratulate them in adopting the policy of having an audit made and incorporated as such in the Proceedings. The auditor's report in Alberta is referred directly to the Finance Committee which meets monthly, and in turn is reported to Grand Lodge.

Recognition was accorded the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

A slight change in the wording of the ritual of the Entered Apprentice degree was adopted upon exemplification by the Committee on Work.

The review of Alberta Proceedings for the year 1930 is at the kindly hand of Bro. Clemmons, who quotes liberally from the address of M. W. Bro. Middleton.

Membership, 43,663. Loss, 4,691. Lodges, 554.

M. W. Grand Master, William L. Lee.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Guy T. Smith.

V.H.M.

ARIZONA

Forty-ninth Annual Communication held at Globe, February 10th, 11th and 12th, 1931.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Amos Arthur Betts, Grand Master: Alberta was not represented.

Of ritualistic perfection the Grand Master has this to say:

"I would much prefer that the officers of our lodges make substitutions of words or phrases in the ritualistic work than to be guilty of acts of commission or omission which would reflect upon the good name and integrity of the Fraternity. It would be immeasurably preferable that a Master should stumble in his phraseology than to fail in extending the hand of fellowship to the sojourner within his gates or neglect the calls of the needy and the deserving at his door."

The Grand Master is opposed to dual membership: He comments:

"I fear the divided duty and responsibilities which inevitably attach to dual membership would be just another step in the wrong direction."

Arizona has apparently withdrawn her financial support from the Masonic Service Association.

The Grand Master makes a fervent appeal to his Grand Lodge to adopt a resolution designed to prohibit subordinate lodges from erecting buildings, valued at five thousand dollars or more, without first presenting their plans for the approval of Grand Lodge. This is good sound sense and will save many a financial problem.

Arizona seems to get more than her fair share of non-affiliates in permanent residence. As the Grand Master says, the sentimental plea is the usual alibi and most often it is merely an unsatisfactory excuse. Under the circumstances we think Arizona more than justified "in carrying on a constant campaign to bring them into the fold." To pay his shot is a primary duty of every Mason.

In these days of depression the obligation to help looms very large and Grand Master Betts reports: "I have witnessed a most gratifying response on the part of our membership to these obligations, and I am confident that so long as this unhappy condition continues we shall have no occasion for criticism." Which is as it should be.

Again the Chain Letter gets a wallop. If Grand Masters keep hammering this pest we may in time kill off a blight as bad as the fabled upas.

Arizona shows a net gain in membership of 67. Well done!

In common with other Grand Jurisdictions, Arizona is agitated about Masonic Education. We cull the following from the Report of the Committee on Masonic Service and Education:

"Your Committee feels that the important subject of Masonic Education can no longer be handled in this State by merely forwarding material to the Secretaries of the various lodges. In view of our past experience your Committee is now of the opinion that this important subject cannot be adequately handled in this State unless we are prepared and willing to send informed and able speakers into the several lodges which have not taken up the question of Masonic Education, in an endeavor, through personal contact, to awaken them to the possibilities and value of this movement."

A most thought-provoking oration by Bro. Yurdon M. Butler appears under the title, "Do We Take Masonry Too Seriously?" Bro. Butler's answer is that we don't take it seriously enough and Heaven knows he has enough material to support a splendidly presented case.

Arizona's list of the names of members of subordinate lodges has disappeared and a brief review of Foreign Correspondence is a new feature.

Bro. Lloyd C. Henning is Chairman of the Committee and we chuckled with him (not at him) as we read his preamble. We hope he doesn't feel we have been throwing any brickbats from this northern fastness.

Next Annual Communication at Tucson, March 8th, 1932.

M. W. Grand Master, Clarence V. Gulley, Phoenix.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Harry A. Drachman, Tucson:

A. M. M.

ARKANSAS

The Ninetieth Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was held in Little Rock, on Tuesday, the 17th of November, 1931, with M. W. Bro. Andrew J. Russell, Grand Master presiding in the Grand East and opened in Ample Form.

Six Emergent Communications of this Grand Body were held during the year, three for the laying of Corner Stones, and three for the funerals of distinguished brethren.

Distinguished Visitors from the Grand Lodges of Louisiana and New Jersey were introduced and received with due honor, each addressing the Grand Lodge in a suitable manner.

The Grand Master's address makes very interesting reading and we wish it were possible to make copious quotations therefrom, especially in regard to his remarks on Charity. However, we must content ourselves with this one:

"Permit me to remark that it is a very easy thing for the Grand Master merely to write 'approved' on the many appeals from subordinate lodges as they come to his desk and pass them to the Grand Secretary for his certification. But it is hard to turn one down. But in

justice to the members of the several subordinate lodges, great caution must be practised, even in most worthy cases. It is the intent and purpose of Masonic law that the particular lodges shall first exhaust its own ability before calling on the Craft in general."

How often has the Benevolent Committee of Alberta been compelled to lay stress on this particular matter with its lodges.

Charity takes a foremost place in the work of this Grand Body for they not only pay out pensions, but maintain a Home and are deeply interested in a Sanatorium. Considerable space is given over to the report on the Masonic Home which demonstrates that excellent work is being done at this institution. Special mention should be made of the liberal bequest made by a brother of \$40,000.00 for the higher education of dependents from this orphanage. In addition to all this benevolent work, the Grand Master made a special call on the lodges to assist worthy brethren stricken in the drought areas, which appeal was cheerfully responded to.

R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary, celebrated his jubilee in that high office. Fifty years is a long time to serve a Grand Lodge, and if it is not too late may we of Alberta offer our sincere greeting and express the wish that Bro. Hempstead may be long spared to continue his work with Arkansas. A special banquet to mark the occasion was held, at which 1,500 brethren sat down and felicitations were received from many Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada.

The Grand Orator delivered a very able address on the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man" which makes very excellent reading and we commend it to the brethren.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended recognition of the Grand Lodge of San Domingo, and held over recognition of the Grand Orient of Spain, the National Grand Lodge of Roumania, and the Grand Orient de Amazonas. No reviews are published by the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

M. W. Bro. C. Eugene Smith, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

1930

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia was held at Powell River on 19th June, 1930, M. W. Bro. R. L. Reid presiding.

During the year three emergent communications were held for purpose of constituting two lodges and laying a corner stone.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present. Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master's address indicated a busy year and much travelling and we note with pleasure that he paid particular attention to those lodges furthest from population centres and especially those which had not lately been visited by former Grand Masters. This is as it should be.

The Grand Master suggests the appointment of a committee to report on the establishment of a Masonic Newspaper in order to keep the lodges in his far flung jurisdiction in touch with each other. We await developments with much interest. Perhaps the time may come when the four western jurisdictions may unite in such a project. Its usefulness cannot be denied but—finance?

The example set by other jurisdictions is producing results and in British Columbia the need of Masonic Research and Education is stressed by the Grand Master.

An interesting resolution was adopted:

“That the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario be respectfully asked to make their name conform to the usages in practice in the other provinces of the Dominion.”

The review of Alberta's Proceedings calls forth some pungent remarks—in good spirit—we expect to be able to reciprocate—also in good spirit—in time to come.

Over \$10,000.00 was disbursed in Benevolence by Grand Lodge during the year and Benevolent Fund Capital Account shows a healthy balance of close to \$300,000.00

On account of the delay of some lodges sending in returns the Grand Secretary is unable to give the exact membership in the jurisdiction.

G.M.B.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

1931

The Sixtieth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of British Columbia was held at New Westminster on 18th June, 1931.

Two emergent meetings were held for the purpose of laying corner stones and three for the purpose of constituting lodges.

M. W. Bro. Donald E. Kerr presided over the Annual Communication at which Alberta was represented by W. Bro. J. H. Greer.

Among the distinguished visitors present was M. W. Bro. James H. Begg, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, and M. W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

Grand Lodge celebrated its Diamond Jubilee on this occasion and appropriately did so in New Westminster described by the Grand Master as “royal and historic.”

He dips into the past and conjures up a visit of the “old days” of the Province with pack horses, coaches, freight wagons and the Cariboo road. In some ways we admit that there is merit in “modernism” and we really prefer the Cariboo road of today with the horse power under the hood.

The Grand Master invites inspection of a map in order to appreciate his problem in paying official visits. Having driven extensively many times in the coast province, we do not need to look at a map. We know

and we sympathize and congratulate the Most Worshipful Sir in what he has achieved in the way of official visits. Still we have our own Peace River District where they speak of "going in" "and coming out". Those expressions mean just what they say.

We acquired much joy from two rulings. A candidate having been initiated, cannot memorize his work and the committee asks for advice. Truly a nice problem. The Grand Master in a truly diplomatic reply says in effect "try again."

A member of a lodge objected to the lodge paying for liquor purchased on the occasion of a visit from the D.D.G.M. The by-laws of the lodge provide, "The stewards under the direction of the Junior Warden shall have the arrangement and ordering refreshment provided always that no intoxicating liquors be allowed in the refreshment room of the lodge." It appears that the liquor was ordered by the Board of General Purposes and was consumed in a hotel. The Grand Master ruled that the expenditure was in order. The letter of the by-law certainly was observed. What about the "spirit"?

The Grand Historian has a report of much interest and the plates accompanying the historical sketches are truly valuable.

In summary of the Financial Statement we notice the following:

Relief granted to members.....	\$ 8,909.63
Relief granted to Widows.....	2,927.81
Relief granted to Transients.....	4,948.73
Relief by Board of Benevolence.....	11,602.50

Good work:

The D.D.G.M. of District 15 called a special meeting of Masters and Secretaries of the lodges in his district and four specific subjects were discussed:

- A. Payment of Dues.
- B. Benevolent Fund.
- C. Funerals.
- D. Uniformity of Work.

R. W. Bro. Watson is to be congratulated on this step. He obviously is not content to follow the well worn path of his predecessors but strikes out vigorously on his own. We have a good deal of sympathy for the views of the brethren on the subject of funerals. There are some things we could do better.

The Proceedings concluded with the usual well written report on Foreign Correspondence wherein Alberta is noticed to the generous extent of five pages.

G.M.B.

CALIFORNIA

The Eighty-second Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Jurisdiction of California was held in the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, on Tuesday, October 13th, A.D. 1931, continuing throughout four days.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John Stewart Ross, presided. There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters.

The annual message of the Grand Master covered fifty-one pages of closely printed matter of which only two pages could be considered statistical and these related to the Special Communications of Grand Lodge, twenty-eight in number. Of these, fifteen were held for the purpose of laying the cornerstones of buildings, of which four were Masonic in character and eleven un-Masonic, these latter comprising hospitals, schools, public and municipal buildings. Nine Special Communications were held for the purpose of dedicating Masonic Temples and Monuments and three for the constitution of lodges.

The Grand Master reported the suspension of a Master for defiance of constituted authority in refusing to comply with the mandate of Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Ross attended the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D.C., on February 25th, 1931. He quoted M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, Grand Master of New York, on the needs of present-day Masonry as follows:

"Leadership, finance, the preservation of our members, the quality of the candidates, and the education of our Fraternity in the nature of the art, are all questions, I believe, that we have to consider very carefully as we look out into the unknown future."

Similarly on the matter of Masonic Education the Grand Master quoted M. W. Bro. Herbert W. Dean, Grand Master of Massachusetts, who outlined to the Conference the Massachusetts plan or programme of Masonic Education in the following manner: *

"Briefly what we are doing is giving up the primary idea of the education of the whole Fraternity, which we found almost impossible to accomplish, and reaching those over whom we do have control, namely, the candidates. We form groups of lodges running from 3 to 15 which are conveniently located. They agree to send their candidates to the school of instruction, which is instruction not in the ritual, but in the practical things of Masonry, what Masonry is, what it is designed to do, the history of Freemasonry, some things about our charitable enterprises—the Home, the Hospital, and the Board of Relief; we tell them what the collateral bodies, so-called, are which we recognize and we also state very plainly those organizations which are not Masonic and which have no connection with Masonry as far as we are concerned. Our idea being to have the candidates, when they complete the third degree, know more about Masonry than any of us did when we had completed our third degree. We are building for the future, inasmuch as if we proceed at the rate we are going, with 3500 candidates a year, we figure that at the end of ten years we will have 35,000 Masons who will be running affairs at that time and who have the groundwork of Freemasons who realize the things that Masonry can do and the things it cannot do.

"These Lodges of Instruction, while being primarily for candidates, are open to all Master Masons. We find in many of these Lodges of Instruction that we are getting 200 to 300 present besides candidates."

The Grand Master reported twenty-nine decisions made by him on important questions which chiefly arose in connection with the interpretation of the written laws of the jurisdiction of California.

We quote the following interesting passage:

(a) "Masonry is concerned with the assistance and development of the individual. It is the individual that does or does not practise

outside of the lodge those things that he has been taught in it. It is for the Masters who have been intrusted with leadership to see that no Master Mason shall be led to believe that our obligations are only a part of the ritual. I find that many Masters are alive to their opportunities and personally or through properly organized committees, make those personal contacts with the members of the lodge that are necessary to fulfill properly the obligations of Masonry."

(b) "Relief is a basic principle in Masonry. It is the duty of a Mason to contribute from his means to aid a worthy distressed brother and his family. As a practical matter, however, Masonic relief of a material nature can never be sufficient in amount to take care of all the needs of all the Masons whose misfortunes are such that they are suffering.

"This being the case, it is the part of wisdom to administer available relief funds in such a way as to make them go as far as possible. The question may well be raised as to whether Masonry should undertake the entire burden of material relief for its distressed members in those cases where other agencies can be utilized to carry part of it. In many cases the best service the Masonic relief can render is to bring to the aid of the distressed brother those non-Masonic sources of help which are applicable to his condition, but which through lack of information or inability to act he may not have been able to enlist for himself."

A very interesting report was that of the Committee on Masonic History which dealt not only with the work being carried on in the Jurisdiction of California but also referred to what was being done in other jurisdictions in the matter of recognition of foreign Grand Lodges. Requests from the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany, the Grand Orient of Italy, and the National Grand Lodge of Roumania were denied. As they have withdrawn from the Grand Orient of Brazil, recognition was extended to six Grand Lodges in that country, namely:

- The Grand Lodge of Minas Geraes
- The Grand Lodge of Rio Janeiro
- The Grand Lodge of the State of Parahyba
- The Grand Lodge of Sao Paula
- The Grand Lodge of Bahia
- The Grand Lodge of Para

each of which has jurisdiction throughout the State bearing the same name. Recognition was also granted to the Grand Lodge of the Pacific in Mexico.

The per capita tax for Grand Lodge purposes is \$1.70 per member, the same as in Alberta. To this, however, there are additional special taxes of 50c per capita for the maintenance of Masonic Homes and 10c per capita for the maintenance of Club Houses at the University of Berkeley and the University of Los Angeles.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence was submitted by R. W. Bro. Jesse M. Whited and, as for many years past, is on the topical plan. Alberta receives mention under the topic of Masonic Education. The correspondent quoted an interesting passage from the address of the Grand Master in the year 1930 which is worth recalling to our own brethren:

"A speaker who will explain to a district meeting why we address the Great Architect of the Universe in the first degree, the Grand Geometrician in the second and the Most High in the third; and extend

his remarks by telling why the heel is slipshod, why the lodges have a Druidistic flavor; why the Ritual savors more of the poetry of Milton and Chaucer than the Proverbs of Solomon, and why the secrets were lost; will never fail to grip and hold his audience. These things are what the brethren need at the district meetings, more than listening to the parrot-like renditions of the accustomed degree."

The other citation is in reference to the work of Benevolence as reported by the Alberta Committee on Benevolence.

Brother Whited as usual has a very interesting and instructive introduction, wherein he summarises the tendencies observed by him during the year, also valuable and instructive tables of statistics are appended to the report.

It is worthy of note that the net gain during 1931 was slightly more than one-tenth of the gain during 1930.

Total members, 142,422. Net gain, 360.

F.S.S.

CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO 1930

The Seventy-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, was held in the City of Toronto, beginning on 16th July, 1930.

The meeting was presided over by M. W. Bro. Dargavel, Grand Master. We have pleasant recollections of his visit to us in 1931.

Distinguished guests included Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge Officers from Quebec, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Massachusettes, Connecticut, Michigan, Ireland, Scotland and England.

An address of welcome to the Grand Master was read on behalf of the Masters of the four Toronto Districts. In this address particular stress was laid upon the successful efforts of the Grand Master in connection with the raising of the Memorial Benevolent Fund.

We did not notice the name of Alberta's representative among the Grand Lodge representatives.

The scholarly address of the Grand Master affords pleasant and instructive reading.

He deals with the ever increasing tendency of lodges to amend by-laws, to repeat in by-laws matters already covered by the constitution. The mania for law making is apparently not restricted to governing bodies.

He sounds a note of warning against the Masonic Insurance Agencies which exploit the Craft. We hear of cases where even lodges attempt to inaugurate so called insurance schemes. These, while honest, and designed for worthy objects, are doomed to failure and in many cases to financial loss.

The dear old "chain prayer" calls forth caustic comment viz:

"is most objectionable and implies a superstition that is at variance with the philosophy and the moral and ethical teachings of our order."

We think these warnings cannot too often be repeated. The Grand Master refers to the fact that the Memorial Benevolent Fund has the sum of \$300,000.00 to its credit. In this connection the Grand Master says:

"My appeal to you at this time is to maintain active and virile this fraternal spirit, this spirit of giving and doing for others not limiting our benevolence to financial aid alone for we need, above all else, more personal attention, more sympathetic interest in the welfare of our dependants. Practical and constructive Masonry has its truest expression after all in the little things of life, the kindness and encouragement which carry comfort and consolation to soothe the troubled mind and to heal the wounded heart."

The recommendations of the Past Grand Masters have born fruit and we find a comprehensive progress report from the special committee on Masonic Education.

We wonder if, when the committee has finished its labours and delivered its final report and asks for the co-operation of the lodges, will it be met with the statement "We have so many candidates we have no time for lectures."

The report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals makes interesting reading and we are pleased to notice the insistence of the board upon the regularity of proceedings being observed. There is a tendency in these days to regard a conviction in a criminal court as sufficient evidence of Masonic guilt. The converse should be equally true that an acquittal in a criminal court should be a Masonic whitewash. Neither proposition is correct. We must conduct our Masonic trials, with proper observance of recognized forms and on proper evidence.

The substantial sum of \$210,370.00 was expended on benevolence, of which amount \$115,370.00 is from Grand Lodge Funds and the balance from the individual lodges.

In the interesting report of Fraternal Correspondence and Reviews, Alberta receives kindly and extensive attention.

We were always of the opinion that M. W. Bro. Alex Mitchell delivered himself of many "gems" of thought and it is refreshing and comforting to have our humble ideas corroborated by the wise men of the east.

Number of lodges, 567. Membership, 115,981.

G.M.B.

CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO 1931

The Grand Lodge of Canada, A.F. & A.M. Ontario, held its Seventy Sixth Annual Communication in Windsor, beginning 15th July, 1931, with M. W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel presiding.

Canadian Grand Lodges had only two representatives present. Alberta's was one of the missing.

Grand Lodge was first welcomed by the Mayor of Windsor and then by a deputation of the Masters of the nineteen lodges of the Windsor district. This last is indeed a happy touch.

It is sheer pleasure to go through the Grand Master's address, its literary quality and beauty of language, its philosophy, its human, as well as its Masonic appeal, well merits reproduction in full—but that cannot be, a few extracts must suffice. Thus:

"If men in our day are worn with doubts—weary with vain strivings, starved with the unsatisfying husks of material things and hopeless of the purposes of the Infinite and the destiny of humanity, it is ours to support their failing faith, to lift them to new heights where even in the hours of darkness they may catch hope and inspiration in the glint of a coming day, when following the sublime purposes and precepts of our Fraternity, they may learn that toleration, mutual concessions, and an earnest determination to be just and generous to each other, will bring in all classes and all creeds more closely together in the bonds of friendship and fraternity, with a greater realization of how much we are dependent upon each other for our well-being and upon the great Architect of the Universe for His manifold blessings." And then again:

"We are living in days of doubt, even distrust, in a critical age, and if Masonry is to stand the test you and I as individuals must show to the world at large that our precepts of equality, fraternity and brotherhood are living and vital forces in making men realize that no man liveth to himself, that we are all dependent one upon the other, that the principles of the golden rule must be applied if the golden sun of prosperity is again to shine, and that then, and only then, will the world be better for the lessons we have learned in these trying times."

Kindly reference is made to his visit to Edmonton and later to Calgary and to Edmonton's new temple.

The Grand Master found time in a busy year to visit Grand Lodge Meetings in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York.

We believe that such visits can only be productive of good at a time when "Nationalism" is becoming almost a disease.

The Grand Master has this to say: "In our day, and for the future, Masons of every flag and all domains must make a constant and united effort to proclaim its teachings of peace on earth—good -will and toleration to men of all countries and of every creed." And of interprovincial intercourse: "That Freemasonry in Canada should become a greater influence in eliminating any difference between East and West, and in the development of a greater national pride and consciousness, so that citizens of every Province might have a greater knowledge and appreciation of the bountiful heritage which we, as Canadians, enjoy." With all of which we most heartily concur.

More sane advice is given regarding applications for dispensations the legislative activities of lodges and the possible dangers of reducing initiation fees.

Having listened in some of our own lodges here to discussions regarding Masonic Education and Research, I chuckled quietly when I read: "This temporary breathing spell in the reception of applicants may in many respects prove beneficial to the Craft; our officers in some instances have been too busy conferring degrees to give sufficient attention to other important spheres of lodge activities."

In dealing with the vexed and perennial subject of N.P.D. the Grand Master strikes at what we believe to be the root of the trouble

when he says: "We, in some cases, admitted those who have not the mental and moral fibre to appreciate Freemasonry." Harsh words, my masters, but we must admit their truth and now that we know what do we propose to do about it? Here is once when the jolly old depression can say "not guilty." N.P.D. was rampant in the land when times were booming.

There is a wealth of useful information and sound suggestions in the D.D.G.M.'s reports. Sometimes as we read such reports and the glowing compliments, we long for at least one lodge which has a "redeeming vice." We know now where to find them.

Our respectful compliments to those D.D.G.M.'s who call a spade by its homely proper name.

Benevolent activities resulted in the expenditure of \$212,075.30, of which amount the sum of \$117,075.30 was from Grand Lodge funds, the balance being paid by lodges.

And then comes along the perpetual growler who points to other organizations and asks "What is Masonry Doing?" When it is remembered that we are not a benevolent association nor an insurance company, we have a record of which we need not be ashamed.

In Ontario schemes for Masonic Education go on apace. We read of a meeting on 29th April, 1930, attended by nearly 800 M.M.'s, F.C.'s, and E.A.'s. These classes were formed in the three degrees and lessons taught for 35 minutes, then questions asked and answered, the whole followed by a general lecture.

Another and different type of demonstration was arranged when an introductory lecture on the allegory was delivered followed by a lecture on the symbolism of the First Degree.

The result and the response leads the committee to the opinion that there is a growing demand for Masonic Education and it lays down a comprehensive general plan and makes recommendations accordingly.

The membership at 31st December, 1930, was 116,998.

A generous portion of the Fraternal Correspondence and Reviews is devoted to Alberta. The reading of it recalls the meeting at Jasper in 1930 and awakens happy memories of that occasion.

G.M.B.

COLORADO

Seventy-first Annual Communication, Denver, September 15-16, 1931.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the M. W. Grand Master, Will D. Grisard. Alberta's Grand Representative, Bro. William S. Pickerill, was present.

The Roll of Deceased Past Grand Masters was called by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Master responding to each name with the date of death.

The Grand Master explained how he had, as Deputy Grand Master, been called upon to take up the reins of government through

the lamentable and untimely death of the elected Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Horace H. Mitchell, in an automobile accident in Colorado Springs on November 5, 1930. The question of whether the Deputy Grand Master under those circumstances became Acting Grand Master or Grand Master in fact had been referred by him to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, who, after consultation with the other members of the Committee, gave the decision that the Deputy Grand Master became in fact as well as in name the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, following the precedent of the Vice-President of the United States becoming President under similar circumstances.

Fitting reference was made to the deaths of six Past Grand Masters during the year, namely, M. W. Bros. Frank J. Reinhard, H. Wadsworth Woodward, William D. Peirce, Chase Withrow, Joseph A. Davis and James R. Killian.

No decisions were rendered during the year.

Grand Lodge had been convened seven times for the purpose of laying corner stones of buildings.

The Grand Master reported that the depression that existed throughout the world had been keenly felt in many localities in Colorado. Calls for assistance had been made upon many of the lodges, and had been promptly met.

For the second time in its history Grand Lodge showed a loss in membership. In 1875 there was a loss of 113, and in 1931 a loss of 20. The Grand Master, however, thought that a very satisfactory and truly healthy condition existed throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

The General Fund showed a cash balance of \$31,012.39 and total assets of \$77,512.39.

The Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. Charles A. Patton, delivered a very thoughtful and forceful address, taking as his subject "The Building of Brotherhood," from which we quote:—

"We are living in an age of progress. The word has its serious application to the affairs of the day. Progress is a definite term. It means advancement, not retrogression; improvement, not decay; accomplishment, not failure; it means onward and forward, not a looking backward, or dismal retreat. Is our Masonry *progressive*, or are we making it a factor only inside of the lodge room? Are we content to remain intrenched in mysticism, to confer degrees, to make Masons and then forget them, excepting, perhaps, as their names are added to our roll,—leaving them puzzled as to its secrets, but bewildered and lamentably untaught of those deep, *underlying* truths inculcated in the days when *quality* and not *quantity* was the watchword of the Craft? If our drift is away from and not toward its highest ideals and traditions, slowly but surely the vitality which sustains it will slip away, and I say, without hesitation, our Fraternity will cease to appeal to intelligent men. It will become nothing but a mummery, a jargon of signs and baubles, titles and platitudes—for we will be following the shadow and not the substance.

"I might well hesitate to charge this great gathering of thoughtful men as to its duty, for I realize there are brethren present who have served our Craft conspicuously long before I was admitted to its ranks. Their lives are our example, their deeds our admiration, their work our standard; but we are apace with conditions not heretofore confronting us, forces not met with while our country was younger, elements

constantly arising in our civil life that must needs have our consideration if the heritage of our fathers is to pass beyond our time, and it is with something of their gravity that I venture to ask you to stop with me for a gaze into the future to see whether we can create for our Masonry a new spirit, blended of ancient tradition and modern endeavor; a real vital power for good in the world, a rising to duty not circumscribed by tiled floors, words or signs—an open service to be known of all men for the good that it renders.”

The Committee on Rules for Recognition of Grand Lodges presented the following Report, which was adopted:—

That everybody applying to this Grand Lodge for recognition, as such shall show:

1. That it was regularly established by three or more recognized lodges or legalized by one or more recognized Grand Lodges.
2. That it is independent and self-governing and exercises supreme and exclusive jurisdiction.
3. That it limits membership to men believing in a S. A. O. T. U., and obligated on the book of sacred law recognized by the initiate.
4. That it requires the display of the three great lights in every lodge at work
5. That it bars controversial, political and religious questions from its lodges.
6. That it is founded upon and adheres to the ancient landmarks, usages and customs of the Craft.
7. That it does not maintain fraternal intercourse with bodies that violate these principles.
8. That the application and its accompanying proof be presented in the English language.
9. That the application be accompanied by the names of the Grand Lodges in fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge which have recognized or refused to recognize the applicant, and the date of such action.

Several matters occupied the attention of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals. From the Report we gather that subordinate lodges are too prone to overlook Masonic offences, as several “Not Guilty” decisions at trial were changed to “Guilty” on appeal.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, composed of Bros. S. C. Warner, C. A. Harris and J. J. Monaghan, reviewed the work of sixty-five sister Grand Lodges, and collected much useful information. Alberta is given two pages of review, with quotations from the address of the Grand Master and the Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence.

M. W. Bro. Casper S. Desch, Grand Junction, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. William W. Cooper, Denver, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

CONNECTICUT

The One Hundred and Forty-third Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, A.F. & A.M., was held at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Hartford, commencing February 4th, A.D. 1931. M. W. Bro. Elbert L. Darbie, Grand Master, presided.

There were nineteen Past Grand Masters in attendance and fifty-three Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, Alberta not being represented.

During the year nine emergent Communications of Grand Lodge were held, three being for the constitution of new lodges, one for the laying of the corner stone of a Public Library, three for the dedication of new homes of lodges and two for the dedication of Masonic Temples, at all of which the Grand Master presided.

The annual address of the Grand Master covers fifty pages in the Proceedings and is an exhaustive report of his official activities and matters of Masonic interest in his jurisdiction throughout the year. In his introduction the Grand Master says:

"While the general depression extending over the entire country, during the past year, has been felt in our jurisdiction and there has been a decrease in the number of candidates received in the various lodges, yet Freemasonry has continued to carry on, and the time which the lodges formerly had to spend in conferring degrees has been devoted to Masonic educational and social activities among the members, which I believe has been of lasting benefit to the Craft.

"Peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction and the influence of our Fraternity is being felt in the world at large through the application by our brethren of those principles which our sublime lectures inculcate."

Owing to some of the lodges having passed resolutions in respect of measures pending in Congress and forwarded copies thereof to Senators and Members of Congress, the Grand Master sent out an official letter to all lodges warning them against such practices. We quote:—

"Masons should ever remember that the Masonic Fraternity is not a political organization and as such should never interfere in either religious, political or legislative controversies. The foundation on which our Order is built is freedom of thought, speech and action in such matters, and each individual Mason in acting on such matters should apply the principles taught him in his lodge, but should exercise his judgment in such matters according to his own conscience, and any action taken by a lodge as such, in controversial matters of this nature, whether by resolution or otherwise, is an un-Masonic act and, as such, subject to Masonic discipline."

The Grand Master refused a dispensation to open an Emergent Lodge composed of members of the Faculty and Alumni of Trinity College for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a new Chapel in connection with this College on Sunday of Commencement Week, and also refused a dispensation in the alternative to one of the chartered lodges in Hartford to conduct the proposed ceremony, the former refusal being on the ground that an Emergent Lodge was unnecessary when there were five chartered lodges in the City as well as the headquarters of the Grand Lodge, and the latter on the ground that laying a corner stone on *Sunday* was contrary to the regulations of the lodge and also in conflict with the symbolism of such ceremony.

Among the decisions rendered by the Grand Master he held that when a brother had been stricken from the rolls of membership for non-payment of dues, and after twelve years had been reinstated, the lodge was not entitled to accept dues for the period of suspension so that it might be included in the calculation of the brother's Masonic membership for thirty years as exempting him from further dues.

The Grand Master sent out a circular letter to the lodges advising against the support of chain letters, which appear to have been rather prevalent in Connecticut during his year of office.

The Grand Master made fraternal visits on the occasions of Annual Communications of five other Grand Jurisdictions, namely—Canada in Ontario, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. The visit to the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario was on the occasion of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of that Grand Lodge, which was attended by Representatives of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Massachusetts, Michigan, and several other Canadian Grand Lodges.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, and exchange of Grand Representatives was recommended. Action on the application of the Grand Orient of Roumania for fraternal recognition was indefinitely postponed.

The Masonic Home Endowment Fund is reported at \$384,202.63, and during the year over \$25,000 was expended for the care, support and education of children outside the Home, of which over \$20,000 came from the income derived from this fund. From the Grand Secretary's Report it would appear that the Grand Lodge dues are 50c per capita for general expenses and \$2.00 per capita for the Masonic Charity Foundation, with a further special assessment of \$1.00 per year for a five-year period for the Charity Foundation; also a contribution by each associate and affiliate of \$20.00 is made to the Foundation. From these figures it appears that the Craft in Connecticut are extending very liberal support to their benevolent and charitable activities.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. W. Bro. George A. Kies, P.G.M., Grand Secretary Emeritus. It constitutes a sizeable volume in itself, embracing 145 pages of printed matter, all of which is found extremely interesting, owing to the originality of thought and frankness of expression on the part of the reviewer. The foreword contains an appreciative reference to the monumental Masonic Library of the Iowa Grand Lodge and the very extensive and liberal use made of this celebrated library.

In respect of Grand Lodge orations, M. W. Bro. Kies remarks:

"Under present-day conditions of widespread enlightenment, the busy man will waste no time listening to the prolix verbiage of long speeches, sermons, etc. The present age is more a reading than a listening one."

We wholeheartedly concur in the opinion expressed by the reviewer in reference to the endorsement by Grand Lodges of extraneous programmes. It has special reference to Public Schools Observance Week. We quote:—

"We question if this, like the endorsement of political measures by one Grand Lodge some years ago, is not a radical departure from Masonic fundamentals. We are early taught that the main object of Masonry is 'to make men wiser and better, and consequently happier.' Grand Lodge endorsement is much like proceedings in a political caucus. Whatever action is taken, it does not change the opinion of the minority by an iota. Hence it is purely academic and of no practical effect except at times to make us appear ridiculous. However worthy the object, we had better leave activity in its behalf to individual Masons."

Alberta Proceedings for 1930 were tersely but favorably reviewed.

It is interesting to note that the jurisdiction of Connecticut, which is very small territorially, comprises 128 lodges with a total membership of over 46,000, while the jurisdiction of Alberta, which territorially is many times the size of Connecticut, has 157 lodges with a total membership of 14,226, less than one-third of the membership of Connecticut.

Total membership, 46,351. (The total membership stands at the same figure as the year before, there having been neither gain nor loss.)

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Howard A. Middleton.

Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Winthrop Buck.

F.S.S.

DELAWARE

The Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was convened in the City of Wilmington, on October 7th, 1931, and called to order by the M. W. the Grand Master, D. Raymond Keefer.

Alberta was represented by W. Bro. Geo. T. Macklin. Several Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and other Grand Officers from other Grand Jurisdictions were present as honored visitors.

Before the Grand Master commenced his address he paid a tribute of affection and respect to the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. John F. Robinson, who has been a Master Mason for more than fifty years, a member of the Grand Lodge more than forty-five years and an officer for twelve years, suggesting that this worthy brother's portrait should be included in the Proceedings. I presume that Bro. Robinson carefully selected his own portrait, because it certainly shows a man in the prime of life, who could scarcely be credited with fifty years of membership. It is that of a handsome, well set up, clear eyed man of, we will say, mature age. Delaware might be advertised as a health resort!

The Grand Master visited each of the twenty-two lodges in the jurisdiction. In these official visits he made it his purpose to call attention to the principles of the Fraternity and to the importance of maintaining the laws and regulations designed for the government of the Craft.

He refers to the completion of 125 years of the existence of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, which dates from June 6th, 1806, although it is true Masonry existed in Delaware from June 24th, 1765.

Only two decisions are recorded, both of which were requests from lodges to know if they could participate in a welfare council or federation, which in one case included the churches in the town, apparently to assist in the distribution of charities. His reply was in the negative, and properly so. Grand Lodge upheld him.

The Grand Master referred to a scholarship fund of the Grand Lodge, which is for the purpose of assisting students to complete their education, by affording them means by way of loan to do so. He notes that only one of the twenty-nine beneficiaries of this fund has

returned any of the loan and he makes a recommendation that this plan of assistance be revised, so as to include a non-interest bearing note, payable within five years after leaving school, but with authority to extend said note, with or without interest, for an additional limited period, when the circumstances are warranted, and Grand Lodge approved of the recommendation. It is our experience that loans from Masonic funds to members or their relatives are much the same as loans within a family, repayment is seldom or never considered.

He heartily approves of the Grand Masters' Conference, which is now held annually in the United States.

The Grand Master, like many others, refers to the chain letter and adds another one—the Anonymous letter. Fortunately we have not been afflicted as yet in this jurisdiction with the latter, towards which, the Grand Master says, "My feeling is one of disgust. If those who write and send unsigned letters could but have reflected in a mirror their characters as revealed by such missives, we feel quite sure that the writers would confine themselves to more constructive measures."

The Committee on the Grand Lodge Library reported the receipt of seventy copies of the 1931 Proceedings from other Grand Jurisdictions, saying, "Questions frequently arise that require referring to these books and their value is highly appreciated in furnishing information desired."

Grand Lodge recognised the Grand Lodge of Panama, which was organized on April 16th, 1916.

A most interesting paper, "The Masonic History of Delaware," is printed in the Proceedings, giving one a glimpse of the early days, when Masonry was struggling for a foothold, when the Morgan incident aroused a widespread antagonism to the institution, which was intensified "by that arch enemy of Masonry, John Quincy Adams, sixth President of the United States, who disliked everything," Masonry included, so says the historian. In fact, it was not until well on in the nineteenth century, almost the middle of it, that Masonry settled down to the even and steady progress which has been the case since that time.

The Foreign Correspondence by M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Day, P.G.M., covers sixty-nine jurisdictions. Alberta has been most generously reviewed in nearly two pages of matter, quoting Grand Master Middleton extensively, with evident appreciation.

M. W. Bro. J. Wallace Woodford, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

J.H.W.S.K.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

At the first stated communication this Grand Lodge recognised the Grand Lodge of Honduras, but on considering the request for recognition from the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany with headquarters at Hamburg, decided that it be passed over without prejudice at the present time, to be reconsidered on renewal of the request after five years.

This Grand Lodge has a standing Committee on By-laws, to whom amendments to lodge by-laws are referred, which seems to be a good practice.

They also have a Masonic Personnel and Service Bureau, which contributes a lengthy report, disclosing the fact that our brethren in Washington, D.C., have in no way escaped the general economic conditions existing everywhere. Yet they are able to report what must be considered considerable success, as a greater number of placements have been made than in the previous year.

The Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Communication was held in Washington, D.C., on December 16th, 1931.

The Grand Master, in his address, notes the large number dropped N.P.D., a total of 864, being an increase of about 21 per cent. over the preceding year. Apart from this feature, the Grand Master finds the lodges in excellent condition. In fact, there has been a marked revival of interest, showing evidence of real leadership, and he is confident that brighter and better days are in store.

He attended the 200th Anniversary of Freemasonry celebrated by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and states that one of the most interesting events to him was the ceremony of making a Mason at sight:

One of his three decisions may be noted. A Master of a lodge denied the right of visit to a brother who had been dropped from the rolls of the lodge for N.P.D. A Past Master of the lodge appealed to the Grand Master, referring to a previous decision by a former Grand Master, that the status of a brother dropped N.P.D. was that of an unaffiliate and "as such cannot visit a lodge in this jurisdiction more than once before taking steps to affiliate." The Grand Master agreed as to the status, but ruled that the Master was clearly within his statutory rights in denying admission, holding that the ruling referred to could not apply to a brother suspended N.P.D. as he could not apply for affiliation until he had obtained the necessary certificate, as until he does so he is not in "good standing." The Grand Master's decision was approved by Grand Lodge.

It is a pleasure to note that this Grand Lodge does not give the names of Masonic offenders or the lodge concerned in reports of Masonic trials or appeals—a practice which agrees with ours.

M. W. Bro. James A. West, P. G. M., has made an excellent contribution in his "Foreword" to Report of the Committee on Correspondence, which will well repay perusal. He remarks that he only had one instance of comment on his work last year from his own jurisdiction, but was glad to have that, because it indicated that one brother had read the introduction at least. His experience in this regard is not uncommon by any means, as the number of brethren in this jurisdiction who have never looked between the covers of our Proceedings would be perhaps surprising.

The Foreword is a broad outlook over Masonry in general throughout the world. He thinks we are now undergoing a re-organization, getting rid of useless material and scrapping obsolete machinery; that the general loss in membership has passed its low point and an upward trend will shortly take place and that the Craft everywhere is on a sound basis. He notes Grand Master's decisions are fewer; that in most cases requests for rulings can be referred to the Constitution; that dual membership is gaining in favor and may be general in a few years. He speaks in favor of Masonic trials by commission. Mentions the

chain letter pest as one that can be best dealt with by ignoring it. He finds the practice of requesting Grand Lodges to lay corner stones becoming more common, but counsels caution as sometimes the requests savour of exploitation of Masonry by those for whom the work is done. He also comments on the increasing number of cases in which attempts have been made by members to use their Craft connection for commercial gain, suggesting that laws for the disciplining of such offenders would be useful. He observes that a number of jurisdictions are waking up to the danger of permitting the De Molay Order and similar organizations to operate under the sponsorship of the lodges.

His review of Grand Jurisdictions is painstaking and interesting. We regret to note that apparently the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta did not reach his desk.

M. W. Bro. R. A. Bogley, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary.

J.H.W.S.K

ENGLAND

At the March communication, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn was again elected Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge of England has 4,547 lodges on their Register as of 1930, of which 706 are abroad, and approximately one quarter are in the city of London.

The great Peace Memorial Building is reported as being in a very far advanced stage of construction. Interior work now being concentrated upon. Grand Lodge approved of a new contract to complete the plan originally agreed on, so that this magnificent project will, in a short time, be completed.

At this communication, Grand Lodge mourned the sudden loss, by death, of a distinguished brother, Sir Alfred Robbins, P. G. W. As President of the Board of General Purposes for eighteen years he served Masonry long and well. Grand Lodge, in recognition of his services, made an annuity grant to his widow.

Grand Lodge received a communication from the Grand Orient of Italy, stating that the Italian Free Masons had been compelled to re-constitute themselves outside their own country and had settled, temporarily, in London, by so doing they had no intention of disregarding the tradition of nationality by which Free Masonry is governed, or the territorial rights of the Grand Lodge of England. They have no desire to disturb English Free Masonry, or to make use of the sovereignty of the Grand Orient on the territory of the Grand Lodge of England. Grand Lodge protested against the action of the Grand Orient, which, they stated, is contrary to regular Masonic usage and practice, as understood by the Grand Lodge of England and it was intimated to them that it will be necessary to give Masonic Publicity to what is regarded as a violation of Masonic Jurisdiction so that the whole of English Craft members may know of the stand taken by Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge declined to accord recognition to Grand Lodge "The Polar Star" of Norway, at Trondhjem, this Grand Lodge is not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Norway.

The report of Delegations to the Sesqui Centenary Celebration of the Grand Lodge of New York is a complete resume of their visit and it gives a clear impression of the very wonderful occasion. That they were royally entertained goes without saying and the round of splendid functions, drives to surrounding points of interest which included special presentations at the White House, "tea" at the British Embassy, and a Baseball match, which was described as "being as fine an exhibition of the great American game of baseball as it is possible to see." They also visited the Holland House Lodge at an ordinary meeting and saw the second degree conferred on six candidates, "in remarkably impressive manner, in accordance with the traditional Irish working." In fact their days and nights were crowded with important events. The Grand Lodge of New York extended to its visitors which included also the Scotch and Irish Grand Lodge Delegations, the warmest welcome and hospitality it was possible to accord. Such a fraternal visit can not but have a tremendous influence for good-will and closer friendly relationship between the two great nations, for such fraternizing is not limited in its effects to just the few who actually so met and took active part but extends far beyond to the rank and file of the great bodies represented by each, and the terms "English," "Americans," "Scotch" and "Irish," took on a new significance in the minds of those who have been brought in touch with the inner meaning of such important occasions.

At the December communication a similar Deputation reported on its visit to the three Canadian Lodges still remaining under English constitution. These are the St. Paul's and St. George's Lodges in Montreal and the Royal Standard in Halifax. The visit of such a Deputation was a notable one to each lodge, being the first time in living memory, a Deputation from the Grand Lodge of England had visited them. This Deputation then proceeded to Philadelphia to attend the two hundredth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, where they experienced the same wonderful welcome and hospitality as was shown their brethren of the Deputation to New York, and they spoke feelingly of the affection and regard manifested for the Mother Grand Lodge by Pennsylvanian Masonry.

At this communication Grand Lodge was requested to consider what should be the attitude of Masonic Lodges during the present time of National difficulty. Grand Lodge did not make any specific suggestions, believing that each lodge and individual brother should be guided in adopting methods of economy by their own good judgment, patriotism and common sense, which is, in accordance with British practice, they do not make laws for every occasion.

The Master of a lodge was disciplined for having declared a candidate elected when, admittedly, there were enough black balls in the ballot box to reject him. The Master pleaded that he did so in the best interests of the lodge, in order to restore harmony which had been lacking. However, Grand Lodge took a serious view of the matter and suspended him for six months.

In reply to inquiries asking if the Grand Master approved of appeals by non-Masonic charitable bodies to the lodges, it was stated that the Grand Master has no control over the issuing of appeals by non-Masonic bodies, and the Craft was reminded "that its own Institutions were constantly, (and particularly at the present time,) in need of support and should receive first consideration." The report of the Board of Benevolence gives a lengthy list of grants made to petitioners, some of

whom reside in far distant countries, while our homes, schools and hospitals continue to be maintained as in the past.

M. W. Grand Master, H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Sir P. Collville Smith.

J.H.W.S.K.

FLORIDA

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida held their One Hundred and Second Annual Communication in Jacksonville on April 21, 22 and 23, 1931, with M. W. Bro. Wallace R. Cheeves as Grand Master. Distinguished guests present were M. W. Bro. E. E. Sykes, Grand Master of Louisiana and Bro. Standifer, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia. The Representative of Alberta was not in attendance.

After reading the Grand Master's address we have concluded he is a man after our own heart. It is refreshing to note his close analysis of problems facing his jurisdiction, the reasoned decisions made and the positive recommendations to meet the situation, the majority of which he had the satisfaction of seeing ratified. His was not the way of flowery rhetoric but of the business executive who sees a leak and stops it.

Discussing the question "What is the matter with Freemasonry?" insofar as it relates to lack of interest and loss of members, he suggests two potent causes:

"During an extensive period of world-wide hysteria, a few years ago, Masonry ever conservative and dependable in emergencies was drawn into the vortex of an abnormal season, the inner portals were not guarded with accustomed and distinctive care—fly-by-night adventurers chasing high Masonry were permitted to take the degrees and passed on to higher realms. Not finding the end of the rainbow, they are now falling by the wayside—Masonry is purging itself and it is well.

"And then some of our lodges lost their business equanimity during the season of hysteria and launched a campaign of what proved to be disastrous over development."

The Grand Master classifies members of the Fraternity: Those who look upon Masonry as a frivolous and exclusive playground for the initiated, others who see in it the chimera for self emoluments, some who pervert its portals into an avenue for rainbow chasing after personal aggrandizement, and then the major portion who vision Masonry as a moral science—a beacon light glistening in the realm of duty, honor and service.

Those who would endeavor to make out of Masonry an insurance or sick and accident society should harken to this frank statement of Bro. Cheeves, which, by the way, was prompted by loose talk about town that a lodge was about to be sued because someone thought more should have been done financially when the lodge was without funds and the brethren had made up a purse and given the deceased decent burial. "There has grown up in this jurisdiction of late years quite an erroneous idea and exaggerated notion of the material and pecuniary

benefits accruing to Masonic affiliation by right. The notion is more or less prevalent among some Masons and non-Masons that a Masonic lodge is pecuniarily liable to its members for doctor's and nurse's bills, and funeral expenses as well as the future support of their families. I think it well to advise all parties concerned that Masonry has nothing for sale and that no Mason now has or ever has had any pecuniary claim of right on Masonry for himself or his family. Masonry's benefits of whatever nature are priceless and not to be bought, but it gives of them freely.

"To sooth the unhappy, to sympathize with them in their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds is the great aim we have in view.

"These great aims cannot always be accomplished without the use of money, in which case free-will offerings come to the rescue. Let all those who are enjoying Masonry's material benefits understand that they are enjoying the bounty of beneficent offerings voluntarily given and everybody will be happy."

The Grand Master pointed out that one of the fruitful causes of weak lodges was the disposition to create life members and place others on the "Emeritus list" who were quite able to pay dues, also the reinstatement of those suspended for non-payment of dues without sufficient enquiry as to their future ability to continue to pay dues. "Many of our lodges have made serious mistakes in their affiliations and reinstatements. It is a matter of record that some of our lodges have reinstated members who were suspended for N.P.D. and affiliated others who were immediately put on the "Emeritus list" and in a very short time became a charge on the lodge. One particular lodge I have in mind did so and that lodge has paid out in relief to the member so dealt with over \$6,000 since that time. Another case in the same lodge similarly reinstated has cost the lodge \$2,000 in relief." He concludes with a warning that all lodges should carefully look into every petition for affiliation and reinstatement lest they only be preparing a case that will be a burden later. And then he closes with the remark that it is unfortunately true that Masonry has been imposed upon to an alarming extent in the last few years. Later in his address he cites examples where children have been taken care of in the Home who had legacies which placed them in much better positions than the Masons who were helping to maintain the Home.

Procedure in Florida required an unanimous ballot in the case of affiliation, but only a majority ballot for reinstatement after suspension for N.P.D. or U.M.C. The Grand Master believed there should be greater distinction between the types in view of the fact that there had been a moral question involved in the latter type. Amendments were passed requiring a unanimous ballot for the reinstatement of the U.M.C. cases. Alberta, in the U.M.C. cases, requires a two-third vote of the lodge as a recommendation to Grand Lodge, who alone can reinstate such.

Freemasonry cherishes its landmark which respects the religious views of all men as evidenced in Rudyard Kipling's poem "My Mother Lodge." Yet the Grand Master of Florida was faced with the problem of a brother who had affiliated with a religious sect which proscribes Masonry as an institution not in harmony with the Bible and the Christian religion and therefore in error and was now asking to be expelled. He did not want a dimit as that would leave him a Mason, unaffiliated. He did not indict Masonry as being immoral or iniquitous but in religious error and desired to be cleansed from it. The difficulty

was overcome by the Grand Master issuing an order stating that therewith the said brother at his own request was dismissed without standing and stricken from the rolls.

Grand Lodge adopted the idea of dual membership as applied to those coming from other jurisdictions, but not permitting dual membership within Florida alone. A law was adopted whereby honorary membership may be terminated.

M. W. Bro. Cheeves does not think the Grand Masters' conferences are accomplishing anything worth while as too much time is being taken up by a few speakers airing their views on many subjects and no time allowed for discussion. He terminated the membership of Florida in the Masonic Service Association.

The Relief Committee recommended discouragement of the paying of all hospital bills and funeral expenses except in special cases of emergency. This conforms to Alberta practice.

A drastic amendment to the constitution, which was adopted, permits suspension for non-payment of dues when six months in arrears. Perhaps it is not so drastic either if justice is tempered with mercy and hardship recognized. Freemasonry does not seek candidates, they come seeking and promising and if a brother is able to pay his dues it is a moral obligation to do so. Too often indifference or neglect is the real reason for non-payment.

A well written review of M. W. Bro. Middleton's address comes from Bro. Ely P. Hubbell, who has this to say:

"Alberta Masons who fail to read that message are neglecting their Masonic education."

We thank you, Bro. Hubbell, on behalf of M. W. Bro. Middleton and would add that we feel the same way about it.

Having heard one or two of our leading Alberta Masons question the value or virtue of printing the reviews of other Grand Lodges, we believe Bro. Hubbell answers them, when he says:—"There are two major objectives in Masonic Reviews. One is to record concisely and interestingly the more important activities in each Grand Lodge, but with no thought of criticism, unless it possibly be constructive, and for comparison by the Florida readers and thinkers, also to bring out the different angles with which a proposition can be considered. The other is to present what has been accomplished and the methods used with the hope that officers and members will find that which is helpful and practical and that which can be made of service to the Craft."

Lodges, 250. Membership, 29,892. Loss, 1,379.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Pasco, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Wilber Webster, Grand Secretary.

V.H.M.

GEORGIA

Georgia Masons assembled for the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Annual Communication at Macon, on October 27 and 28, 1931, M. W. Bro. William G. Meador as Grand Master.

Preceding the opening, a period of devotion was held during which time the Grand Chaplain delivered a short sermonette based upon that

delightful nineteenth Psalm which begins majestically, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth His handiwork." The reviewer believes Alberta might well consider the use of such a service as a fitting prelude to our Grand Lodge Annual Session.

Distinguished visitors present included the Grand Master and the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens of Louisiana. The Grand Representatives were duly received, among whom we note the name of Alberta's Representative.

During his address the Grand Master warned the brethren that they were present not alone to review the accomplishments of the past, but there was also the challenge that they derive inspiration for, and catch a glimpse of, a vision for the future. Much of the work of the Grand Master seems to have been due to meeting financial problems, not the least of which was owing to the "closing of our depository." What a tragedy may be included in those words and actually has been seared into the lives of so many of the good people throughout the great cotton states of our sister to the south. Many of M. W. Bro. Mealor's suggestions for economy were adopted, such as the discontinuance of the office of Director of Masonic Welfare, the abolition of certain Grand Lodge committees and the consolidation of others, and finally a broad hint to the brethren to forego their per diem this year by turning back their scrip.

The loss by suspension during the year of four thousand members caused the Grand Master to question whether lodges were operating upon a sound fiscal basis. His two recommendations concerning the matter, that there should be a minimum for lodge dues of \$3.50 per year, and that all secretaries and treasurers should be bonded, failed to receive the support of Grand Lodge. It was reported that some lodges held sufficient property that dues were unnecessary. Human nature discovered a long time ago that it appreciates anything in direct proportion to the price it pays, and it is true in Masonry. Our chief problems can be based upon the premises that Masonry is too cheap. Freemasonry, by all means; but free Masonry, never!

A new development in the administration of benevolence during the year was the appointment of a trained "Case Worker." Her duties consist of interviewing all applicants for admission to the Home, offering assistance and advice to those in need, placing children in foster homes and checking up on cases which no longer need help.

The cottage plan for taking care of the boys in the Home was adopted and a donation of \$7,500 from the Order of the Eastern Star accepted to enable the erection of the first unit. Apparently there were no strings to this donation, for later we find a resolution that Eastern Star children be admitted to the Home on the same basis as children of Master Masons was rejected.

The Proverbs contest (committing to memory of the Book of Proverbs) which Grand Lodge has been fostering among its members and in the schools has been dropped for the present owing to the economy program being followed.

Procedure in Georgia to amend the Code consists of presenting a resolution to Grand Lodge which is immediately referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. They consider and recommend for or against to Grand Lodge, at the same time preparing the resolution in the form of a bill, legislative in style, which has two readings. A resolution looking toward the amendment of this procedure was defeated. Automatic reinstatement after suspension N.P.D. with the payment of the

amount within one year was rejected. Past Masters of lodges which have failed to pay their Grand Lodge dues will be unable now to register and vote. By resolution of Grand Lodge a reverend gentleman suspended in 1890 from a lodge now defunct was ordered reinstated and dimit granted upon the payment of two years' dues. The "why" of it is not clear after all these years, unless it was that he desired to die with a clear conscience.

A very splendid piece of work is being undertaken by Fort Benning Lodge, which received the blessing of Grand Lodge. The community is on the confines of a military camp which annually accommodates thousands of soldiers. The government does not provide facilities for religious devotion nor for meetings such as lodges. The local lodge has undertaken to build a temple for the use of the soldiers in camp providing a chapel for the unrestricted use of all creeds and a lodge room for the sojourning Masons.

Alberta 1930 is reviewed briefly by Bro. Firley Baum, correspondent.

Lodges, 622. Membership, 62,426. Loss, 3,723.

M. W. Grand Master, Joe A. Moore.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Frank Baker.

V.H.M.

IDAHO

Sixty-fifth Annual Communication held at Boise, September 8th, 9th and 10th, 1931.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Jay G. Eldridge, Grand Master.

Alberta was not represented.

In his comment on ritual the Grand Master makes the following pertinent observation:

" . . . if a District Deputy, as a regular thing, takes the statement of the Master that a Warden is versed in all the Work, or if the District Deputy wishes to be kind and overlook all inaccuracies of language or ceremony at the time of his official visits, what is to prevent a vicious inbreeding of such errors, as they are passed on from year to year in a given lodge?"

Among a series of questions put to the Grand Master the two following, with his answers, are interesting. They are surely signs of the times.

(a) *Question*.—A brother in a hospital sends six dollars for 1930 dues, stating that he will send more later. He has previously received relief from his lodge in the sum of eighty dollars. Can the lodge apply the six dollars to lessen his indebtedness? It was so voted by the lodge.

Answer.—The lodge was in error. Since the brother sends the money for his dues, it should be so applied and credited. The fact that the lodge has previously extended to him financial relief has no bearing on the matter. . . ."

In our opinion the Grand Master's answer is the only answer, but we believe that if the Benevolent Funds of the lodge were kept separate from the Operating Funds, as is done in most lodges in Alberta, this question with its implied penurious criticism of Masonic charity would not have arisen.

(b) *Question*.—An associated Charity Group proposes to organize for relief work and invites a lodge to elect a representative to sit as a member of the Board of Control. Is it legal for a lodge to elect such a representative? The relief association will not ask for donations from fraternal organizations but will solicit individual subscriptions.

Answer (in part).—"It is a difficult task to maintain the proper balance between complete aloofness from all good enterprises and an involvement in matters outside the lodge. Since the lodge is not to be subject to any assessments, and since charity is one of the leading principles, I can see no harm in having a representative from our Fraternity join with other fraternal, religious and civic bodies in doing what seems best to co-ordinate the work for unfortunate citizens and transients."

With which answer we heartily agree.

The Chain Prayer nuisance gets another wallop. Wonder what we could do to discourage the unthinking brethren who perpetuate this pest?

Under the heading "Masonic Education" the Grand Master quotes at length one of the "Musings" of M. W. Bro. Louis Block of Iowa, from which we are tempted to quote one significant paragraph:

"For Freemasonry, like every other living organism, must grow, and even continue to grow, else are we dead. And growth implies change. Oh, yes, I know about the Ancient Landmarks and about the caution we must exercise regarding 'innovations.' But, brethren, for Masonry not to grow, not to change with the advancing decades and centuries would very certainly be of itself an innovation! For Masonry has always grown—always been changing, and, as I believe, always getting better."

In the group of reports assigned to me for review Idaho's is the one of two showing a net gain in membership, only six, it is true, but nevertheless, a gain.

Dual membership was defeated after lengthy debate and really serious consideration.

The Grand Orator's address, "What Masonry Means to Me," appears in full.

The Grand Lodges of Chile and Roumania were formally recognized.

Appendices contain the usual statistics and a report on Foreign Correspondence, in which Alberta receives brief but friendly mention.

Next Annual Communication at Moscow, September 13th, 1932.

M. W. Grand Master, Percy Jones, Blackfoot.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Curtis F. Pike, Boise.

A. M. M.

ILLINOIS

The Ninety-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was held in the City of Chicago on the 13th day of October, 1931. M. W. Bro. Edward C. Mullen, Grand Master, presided. The Grand Master had the support of ten Past Grand Masters. Alberta's Grand Representative, R. W. Bro. Harry Lord, was present.

The Mayor of Chicago, Bro. Anton J. Cermak, welcomed Grand Lodge to the city. In the course of his remarks and speaking of the World's Fair in 1933 he said:

"We will assure you that you will have a wonderful time in Chicago, and it will help us to bring back the good name of our city, because I am doing everything in my power to give to Chicago the name it ought to have and that is, of being the most wonderful city in all the world."

M. W. Bro. Lewis E. Smith, the Grand Secretary of Nebraska, was present as the personal representative of his Grand Master. He invited the Grand Masters of Illinois to take part next year in the Seventy-fifth Anniversary. The Grand Master's address covered twenty-three pages. He stresses the matter of consolidation of lodges. From that part of the address we excerpt:

"In my annual address last year, I called attention to the fact that hard roads had materially affected the affairs of many lodges in rural districts throughout the State. Small lodges located within eight or ten miles of each other are suffering from a lack of attendance. With this problem we must concern ourselves. It would be much better in such cases for small lodges to consolidate with strong, centrally located lodges. Thus in greater measure, they could reap the real benefits of Masonry and the strong fellowship which our institution provides.

"I have advised that members of lodges so consolidated are related to the consolidated lodge precisely as they were to their original lodge. Such relationship continues without interruption, for the consolidation makes no change in each member's Masonic status. No brother need feel that he has lost anything through the consolidation. On the contrary the larger and stronger lodge offers more for him than the weaker and smaller one ever could under present conditions."

Chain letters are again condemned.

Grand Lodge and its constituent lodges dispensed \$481,000 for charity.

Illinois has a very active Masonic Relief Association. From the committee's report we quote:

"It was a source of satisfaction to me to learn, on comparing figures with the several boards represented, that through doing a larger amount of work, our local board of relief was operating at much less cost than any. A matter that might be worthy of mention to the membership of our Grand Lodge, and a matter that has caused and still continues to cause a great deal of trouble is the so-called life membership being issued in the jurisdiction of Scotland.

"It develops that such memberships are issued for a very small sum, and are only considered in a sense honorary, yet they visit our lodges, claim relief if in distress, and are being tendered all the courtesies that a visitor should have. In our experience of over thirty

years, we have known only of one case in which the Board was reimbursed by the member's lodge for the relief extended. It transpired at the meeting that this life membership, as now being issued, was only an evidence, so to speak, that the holder was a member in good standing at the time it was issued, and that to be considered regular the member should also have a receipt for current dues from the lodge."

During the year the Grand Master advised lodges in his jurisdiction that where a lodge notifies its members of the death of a brother, it should refrain from putting in the same notice any Low Twelve announcement.

The Grand Master held:

"That no lodge should be permitted to appear in public for the dedicating of a cemetery, a memorial or monument."

"That it was not advisable for Grand Lodge to make an appearance in public for the purpose of laying the corner stone of any building other than one erected for the purpose and intent of conducting the affairs of Masonry."

"That provisions for appointing additional members of committees besides the Master and Wardens of the lodge, should not be made a part of the By-Laws."

The Grand Master refused dispensation to advance a brother until he was proficient in the former degree.

The moon schedule for meetings was disapproved.

The lodges in Illinois have a flag ceremony and sing "America" although the national anthem is "The Star Spangled Banner."

It was ruled that it was improper for a Mason's son, who was seventeen years of age, to wear a Masonic emblem.

Here is a splendid suggestion we take from the Grand Master's Report:

"The report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence, whether it be of Illinois or of any other Grand Jurisdiction, is a treasure house of information for Masters and the Craft. It is a resume of Masonic experiences everywhere, as reported by the Grand Masters at their annual Grand Lodge sessions and should be in the library of every regular lodge. Much of the wisdom contained in these valuable reports has not been available to the average reader, due to lack of the necessary time to read and digest the reports as a whole. A reference index would be a key enabling the reader to select such subjects as may be of special value or interest, and to compare the reports of various Grand Jurisdictions on any given subject.

"Unlike the exhaustive cross-indexing of technical and legal volumes, often concealed in the back of the book, an index of the report would be simpler, the object being to present all of the most important subjects in such a manner as to enlist the interest of the officers and members of our lodges. This could be accomplished by printing the index in separate leaflet form, to be included with copies of the report of the Correspondence Committee and the Grand Lodge Proceedings. I recommend that this matter be carefully considered."

Eighteen Grand Jurisdictions permit dual membership. Illinois disapproves of this.

Illinois maintains a children's home.

The York Grand Lodge of Mexico was accorded fraternal recognition.

We quote from the Report of the Committee on Financial Research:

"While many of the individual lodges are operating at a loss and are suffering from the depression, Masonry in Illinois, as a whole, has adapted itself to changing conditions with remarkable strength and vitality. It will be noticed that while income has decreased \$210,000 per annum in the past four years, expenses have been reduced by \$237,000. The falling off in income has taken place wholly in the decrease of petitions, which have fallen exactly fifty per cent or from \$850,000 in 1928 to an estimated \$425,000 in 1931. This loss, as well as the loss from the slower collection of dues, has been partially offset by an increase in dues of \$215,000 a year. The fact that the Masons of Illinois have thus increased the amount which Masonry is costing them testifies very strongly to the vitality of the Order and that the individual Mason considers it worth to him whatever it may cost to preserve the institution."

We would like to quote the Orator's address in full but confine ourselves to this excerpt:

"One of the deplorable results of these abnormal industrial and economic conditions is the alarming growth of the spirit of unrest, the spirit of communism, of anarchy, the growth of the 'Red Menace' which our country has witnessed in recent months. It is not surprising that men out of work, without food and without the means of procuring food, whose loved ones are facing starvation and whose resources are all exhausted, should fall an easy prey to disloyal agitators eager to tear down the existing order of things. The task before us is to remedy these conditions which breed unrest, disorder and lawlessness. We must, with every means at our disposal, fight the spread of these dangerous doctrines, which, when once established, would put an end to individual initiative, private property and our dearly bought freedom, and would plunge this nation into a condition of suffering, of terror and of chaos far worse than the darkest days of the middle ages. God grant that the day will never come when our free institutions, bought at so great a cost of blood and tears, and under whose protection individual enterprise and national strength have developed to the highest point, will be supplanted by the destructive doctrines of communism and anarchy." This will be of interest to Alberta.

The following amendment was made:

"An insane brother cannot be disciplined for non-payment of dues. A lodge shall not charge a brother with dues who has been legally declared insane, or one in the Illinois Masonic Home, or one who is confined in a Public Institution for the indigent."

The Review is from the pen of M. W. Bro. Delmar D. Darrah. In addition to the Report he includes a Reference Index of interesting subjects in the Review.

M. W. Bro. G. Haven Stephens, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. R. C. Davenport, Grand Secretary.

1,014 lodges. Membership, 289,359. Decrease, 4,652.

M. M. D

INDIANA

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was held in the City of Indianapolis on May 26th, 1931. M. W. Bro. Roscoe Kiper, Grand Master, presided. Alberta's Representative, M. W. Bro. William H. Swintz, with fifteen other Past Grand Masters, assisted in the deliberations of this Grand Body. All the constituent lodges except twelve were represented.

Bro. Harry G. Leslie, Governor of the State of Indiana, welcomed the delegates of Grand Lodge.

We excerpt from the Grand Master's address as follows:

"The unusual business depression which prevailed during the last year made its impress on the totality of new membership in the several lodges, but it is gratifying to note that by comparison with records of other substantial fraternal organizations, our institution occupies the front rank, and notwithstanding the backward condition through which we have and are passing, our brethren who are members of the small as well as the larger lodges have redoubled their efforts to meet the situation and maintain the high standard of Masonry. It is also a commendable fact that the lodges have refrained from entering upon extended building programs which would result in heavy financial responsibilities, tending to repress the enthusiasm of their members."

We note the passing of two of the Past Grand Masters—M. W. Bro. Omar B. Smith and M. W. Bro. John W. Hanan. Grand Lodge conducted the funeral services.

Representatives were named in connection with the Grand Orient of Roumania and the Grand Lodge of Cuba.

The Grand Master laid the corner stones of three public school buildings and the Federal Post Office building at Lebanon.

Indiana maintains a Masonic Home.

The Grand Master ordered a contribution of \$200.00 to the American Red Cross Society for the benefit of sufferers in the Drought Area.

The following rulings are of interest:

"A brother accused of un-Masonic conduct in conspiring to violate the National Prohibition Act was regularly charged and tried by the lodge and found not guilty. On appeal to the Grand Master, the transcript showed that the only evidence introduced by the lodge was a certified copy of the indictment, record of trial and judgment of conviction on the charge of conspiring to violate the National Prohibition Act, and sentence passed by the Federal Court. The accused offered no evidence in his defense at the trial by the lodge. I held that the decision of the lodge was contrary to the evidence and directed the lodge to grant a new trial."

"Where a brother had been charged with un-Masonic conduct for non-payment of dues, due notice was given the accused, he did not appear for trial, but was represented by counsel. He offered no evidence in defense. The evidence offered by the lodge showed beyond doubt that he was delinquent as charged. He was found not guilty by the lodge. It was proposed to file new charges and have a re-trial for the same offense. I held that the decision of acquittal by the lodge must stand until questioned by a motion for a new trial and an appeal

made to the Grand Master of Grand Lodge and reversed, and a second charge could not be preferred and trial had for the same offense."

Bro. Kiper, in his address, urges the lodges to provide a library for their members. He says: "The amount that is usually spent on a banquet would be sufficient to start a fair sized library."

Two lodges were consolidated during the year.

The Grand Lecturer in his report has this to say:

"Should an officer wait for petitions to be filed before he begins to prepare himself for the degree work, he will find that the time is then too short for preparation. In many instances of this sort I have found that officers become discouraged and call on Past Masters to perform the ceremonies for them. No lodge is in a healthy condition when its officers do not assume the duty and responsibility of performing the ceremonial degree work in its entirety, including all lectures."

The Grand Lodge of Chile and the Grand Lodge of Holland were recognized, while the Grand Lodges of The Grossloge von Deutschland and Symbolic of Parahyba, Brazil, were not recognized.

Bro. T. L. Puckett, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, and Bro. Robert A. Woods of the Cryptic Rite, addressed Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay, the Reviewer, also gives us a Masonic Membership Table. Three pages of the Review is given to Alberta.

M. W. Bro. Ira H. Church, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. William H. Swintz, Grand Secretary.

556 lodges. Membership, 129,380. Decrease, 610.

M.M.D.

IOWA

The Eighty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was held in the City of Clinton, on June 9th, 1931. M. W. Bro. John W. Gannaway, Grand Master, presided. M. W. Bro. Charles C. Clark, Alberta's Grand Representative, was among the thirteen Past Grand Masters present.

Previous to the official opening of Grand Lodge there were public exercises in which one of the local ministers led in the Invocation and M. W. Bro. Gabriel introduced the Grand Master, who addressed the public gathering. The United States flag was presented and those present repeated the Pledge of Allegiance. The Grand Matron of the Eastern Star took part in these proceedings.

The address of the Grand Master covered forty pages of the proceedings. M. W. Bro. Gannaway has had a most unique Masonic history as it was only ten years between the date of his initiation and the date on which he became Grand Master. From his address we excerpt:

"Let us then, clinging firmly to the landmarks and teachings of the Order, which have come down to us from the dim and misty past, study how to make Masonry function more effectively amid the perplexities of today, and strengthen it for its labors in the inevitable

difficulties of the unknown tomorrow. With faith and zeal and courage, let us plan and labor, here and in our respective lodges and communities, to make our Institution the positive force for righteousness and peace and brotherhood that it ought to be. Let us here today renew our vows to dedicate and devote our lives to the great work entrusted to us, and in utter sincerity seek wisdom and guidance in our efforts from Him whom we reverence and serve. May we fight the good fight. May we keep the holy fire."

Four corner stones of Masonic Temples were laid during the year of office.

Relief to the extent of \$500 was given from the Grand Masters' Emergency Fund toward those in the neighboring State of Arkansas.

Dispensation was issued after much consideration to a new lodge at Dumont.

Two lodges were consolidated. In this regard we quote from the Grand Master's address:

"The matter of consolidation is one of great importance and deserves more thought than it has received. It has been discussed in a number of lodges that are struggling to maintain themselves. Undoubtedly it would be to the interest of the members of some of these to consolidate with stronger lodges. It is my belief that, as highways are improved and communities are brought closer together, consolidations will occur more frequently and Masonry in the State will be strengthened."

Section 18 of the Masonic Code of Iowa reads:

"Offices in the Grand Lodge and in the subordinate lodges shall become vacant upon the death of the incumbent, by his resignation, removal from the jurisdiction, or expulsion or suspension from the lodge."

The following was added as an amendment:

"Provided that in case of an officer of a subordinate lodge removing from the jurisdiction, the Grand Master may, in his discretion, permit such officer to retain his office to the end of the term for which he was elected or appointed."

District meetings were held throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, which enabled the Grand Master to meet many brethren he could not have done in any other way. Alberta elects District Officers but Iowa does not.

In the dedication of the Washington Memorial, it is planned, upon invitation from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, to have all of the forty-nine Grand Lodges in the United States opened in regular form at the time of the dedication so that all that transpires will become a part of the official record of each one. Iowa will send to Washington all of its elective Grand Officers and all Past Grand Masters.

The Benevolence of Iowa is handled the same as in Alberta. We excerpt what the Grand Master says:

"The basic principle of charity or relief work in our jurisdiction has always been that of outdoor relief; that is, of giving assistance to those who need it in their own homes and communities and not in institutions. Our experience, and the experience of other jurisdictions

which have established homes of various kinds for the care of those having claim upon them, have demonstrated the soundness of the system which we have maintained. We believe and we have ample reason to believe, that better results are obtained in Iowa at less expense than are obtained through the institutional systems of other jurisdictions. Personal testimony in support of this has been given to me during the year by several Grand Masters whose jurisdictions maintain homes and systems of institutional relief. In work of this kind, the measure of the value of any method or procedure is found in the results that are achieved. We are convinced that we have a sound system. Our duty and our privilege is to perfect it as best we can, and administer it in the generous and sympathetic spirit demanded of us as sincere and faithful Masons."

M. W. Bro. Gannaway conferred the third degree on his son. Some three hundred and fifty were present.

The Educational program is divided into three sections—first, the Ritual; second, Library service, and third, service work. Iowa possesses the greatest Masonic Library in the United States and in addition publishes a monthly Bulletin.

In Alberta the W. M., S. W., and J. W., if all are present at Grand Lodge, are each given one ballot at the time of registering. Iowa gives the three votes to the first of the three officers who register. These officers decide as a body how the unit vote shall be cast. We think Alberta's system better.

Iowa possesses a live Masonic Service Committee which supplies speakers for lodges and groups of lodges.

The Grand Charity Fund of Grand Lodge amounts to \$600,000,

The M. E. the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter. Bro. Charles Haney, was one of the distinguished visitors who addressed Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Dual Membership reported progress.

The Report of the special committee on Masonic Employment Bureau was an interesting and instructive document. We excerpt from the report:

"We find that many of these Employment Bureaus have no connection with their Grand Lodge but are handled as local boards and have no connection with their sister lodges. We find, however, that there are 15 of the Grand Jurisdictions that have the control, organization and partial financing of the Employment Bureaus in their jurisdiction. In some of these jurisdictions, the Grand Lodge contributes yearly, in some it voluntarily gives to the various Boards such sums as seem necessary to keep up the work, and in some jurisdictions the entire financing is done by the appropriation from the Grand Lodge. In most of these Grand Jurisdictions that supervise or have control of various Employment Bureaus, we find that apparently the best results are obtained by having a supervising body appointed by the Grand Master and leaving the work of operating the local Bureaus in the hands of a local committee."

The Report of the Employment Bureau Committee ends with:

"Resolved that Paragraph (b) of Section 198 of the Masonic Code be repealed and that there be enacted in lieu thereof the following:

"No moneys or securities of any lodge shall be used for other than Masonic purposes. The sponsoring of Chapters of the Order of De-

Molay for Boys, including the financing thereof, or the creation of a Masonic Employment Bureau under the sanction of the Grand Lodge shall not be deemed to be in contravention of this section provided that no such Chapter shall be sponsored or Employment Bureau created save by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a stated communication of the lodge'."

M. W. Bro. Louis Block, the Reviewer, in his foreword comes out very strongly on moral questions. As an example:

"And now to cap the climax comes ancient Sodom and Gomorrah back to earth, only now it's called Reno, Nevada. Gambling legalized, 120 'divorces' a week, booze and prostitution a-plenty, 'libido' and license everywhere. A nasty festering cancer on the fair face of America."

Alberta was given a very courteous review of three pages.

M: W. Bro. Charles S. Percival, Grand Master:

R: W. Bro. Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

483 Lodges. Membership, 85,395. Decrease, 616.

M.M.D.

IRELAND

The Annual Stated Communication of this Grand Lodge was held on St. John's Day, 1931. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master Raymond F. Brook, presided in the absence of the M. W. the Grand Master, who was unfortunately unable to be present owing to ill health.

We regret very much to note that the first business of Grand Lodge was to express their sympathy with the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. H. C. Shellard, in the great loss he had just sustained in the death of Mrs. Shellard.

The Deputy Grand Master also reported the serious illness of R. W. Bro. Col. Claude Cane, P.D.G.M., stating it was the first time in eleven years that he had not been present at the Annual Communication.

With regard to the laws of Grand Lodge, the Deputy Grand Master was pleased to report that they had only one change during the year. They had also adopted a very important resolution which gave permission to the Grand Secretary for Instruction, to send written information about the ritual to brethren overseas, under the authority of the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master, but only to brethren who are known to the Grand Secretary. This is a striking departure for our Irish brethren, but will be greatly appreciated by the overseas brethren of that Constitution.

He mentions the visits of the Grand Secretary and R. W. Bro. E. H. Burne to the Grand Lodge of New York on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.

As to the progress of Masonry in Ireland, he says that in spite of the fact that all the world is suffering from an economic crisis and Freemasons cannot be expected to escape from the effects, every province is moving forward. Antrim brethren completed the fund for their memorial to their late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. H. Stirling,

Over \$9,000.00 was collected and in addition to that they have given over \$50,000 for their local charities and at the same time they have sent up their usual contributions to the three great charities of the Order. They are also building a new Masonic Home in Belfast and in many other parts of Ireland the Fraternity is maintaining, improving and building lodge premises. At the same time he is able to report that the total sum subscribed by personal and lodge subscriptions to their three Masonic charities was actually \$200.00 greater than the amount subscribed in a corresponding period in 1930. Thus our Irish brethren are cheerfully carrying the burdens of Masonry with a high spirit.

There are reports from the Overseas Provincial Grand Lodges of Rhodesia, Southern Cape Province, South Africa and New Zealand. All of these report progress. The reports from the Provincial Grand Lodges in Ireland itself give the impression that Masonry is active and living up to the best traditions of Irish Masonry.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P.
Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. H. C. Shellard.

J.H.W.S.K.

KANSAS

Seventy-fifth Annual Communication held at Wichita, February 18th and 19th, 1931.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Jay B. Kirk, Grand Master. Alberta was not represented.

From the preamble of the Grand Master's address we seize upon a sentence which, in view of the abuse we have seen so often of the sentiment it carries, we would almost like to print in red letters:

"Masonry, my brethren, is more than a broad theoretical system of morals to which one may subscribe but make no personal application in the regulation of his own life."

The theory is nothing without the practice and in our humble opinion that one sentence quoted contains the germ of most of the troubles of Masonry today. If we but practise what we preach we cannot help being an active influence on the affairs of men, but so long as we are satisfied with vaccinating a candidate with the virus of a ritual without being sure that the spirit "takes" in his mental blood stream, we are merely making lodge members who will pass out when the joining fever goes.

We observe that the Grand Master had been seriously ill for a considerable portion of his term. We trust he has completely recovered.

A cordial exchange of greetings between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Kansas on the occasion of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the first Grand Lodge in the United States is recorded in full.

On the plan of District Meetings the Grand Master's comment follows our own experience:

"This system of taking instruction to the lodges has fully justified its adoption. The character of the work is constantly being improved

and is becoming more and more uniform throughout the jurisdiction.
"

Kansas has a plan of filing original lodge charters at the Grand Lodge offices, the lodges working with a photographic reproduction. We rather favor the plan for several reasons.

Speaking of the reluctance of lodges to bring charges against offending brethren, the Grand Master speaks very much to the point:

"I am persuaded that many of our lodges are too lax in passing on petitioners for the mysteries and that, in many instances, it is entirely too easy for unworthy material to enter Masonry, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to get rid of unworthy members. The doors of Masonry must swing outward as well as inward if the good reputation of this Institution is to be preserved."

Kansas records a net loss in membership of 1,283. The Grand Master is "persuaded it is a healthy readjustment." Old man Depression seems to have made many "a healthy readjustment."

Under a heading, "Extraneous Matters Within the Lodge" the Grand Master cites very definite opinions which we quote in part:

"There appears to be a feeling on the part of some of the officers of our lodges that the lodge must justify its existence by engaging in an organized way toward solving local social problems, and I have found it necessary to remind them that the floor of the lodge is not a proper forum for the discussion of problems which do not and should not concern Masonry. There is no place in Masonry for organized action in connection with these matters. The primary business of the lodge is that of making Masons."

"I am persuaded that the church is the logical medium through which every Mason should seek to translate the ideals of Masonry into deeds."

We are tempted to indulge in debate, but courtesy and space forbid. We must say, however, that we feel inclined to challenge the implications of these statements and suggest that they are prime reasons for falling attendance, lack of interest, membership losses and other ills reported with disconcerting regularity in jurisdictions all over the continent.

The Masonic Homes of Kansas are reported as being in thriving condition.

A significant sentence appears in the report of the Grand Secretary: "The statistical tables again present facts which, when analyzed, must prove the unsatisfactory conditions and claim our careful attention."

Not many Grand Secretaries are as honest as this but he has the consolation, if such it be, that admitted or glossed over, these conditions are not confined to Kansas.

By far and away the best oration in the group of reports assigned to us for review is that contained in the report of Kansas. It is from the pen of Brother Charles F. Scott, of Iola Lodge, No. 38. It bears no formal title but his opening sentence serves admirably: "When is a Man a Mason?"

We earnestly commend this address to any Mason having opportunity to read it.

Here are one or two samples of its savor:

"To my way of thinking, and I believe in this all properly instructed Masons will agree with me, the most deplorable tendency of our times is the disposition of increasing numbers of the people to run to the government for shelter and succor whenever any cloud of trouble shows in their sky or any failure of their plans deprives them of expected profits."

"It is a sorry disservice that government does which robs any citizen of initiative, of enterprise, of the joy of making his own way in the world, of courage and confidence and self-reliance."

"To cultivate friendship, therefore, as Masonry enjoins us to do, is to cultivate the very best that is in our natures; and to be worthy of friendship is to possess the qualities that make a good patriot, a good citizen, a good man."

The usual statistical reports and a most excellent Review of Foreign Correspondence complete the volume. Alberta receives more than generous mention, M. W. Bro. Middleton's address being quoted liberally.

Thanks for the gentle dig about our brevity, Bro. Wilson. We have tried to compensate this time from the most thought-provoking "Proceedings" we have read in years.

Next Annual Communication at Topeka, February 17th, 1932.

M. W. Grand Master, J. Forrest Ayres, Greenleaf.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Elmer F. Strain, Topeka.

Grand Secretary Emeritus, Albert K. Wilson, Topeka.

A.M.M.

KENTUCKY

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky Free and Accepted Masons met for the One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Communication in Louisville on October 20th and 21st, 1931, M. W. Bro. John X. Taylor, Grand Master. We hunted high and low in the Proceedings to discover what that X. in the Grand Master's name stood for. Possibly it might be associated with the Greek classics, but finally we concluded it was the distinguishing mark of an able Grand Master.

Grand Lodge was indeed fortunate in the number and personnel of its distinguished visitors, their number including M. W. Bro. Sykes, Grand Master of Louisiana, R. W. Bro. Templeton, S.G.W. of Tennessee, the Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Master from the same jurisdiction, and a Past Grand Master from New Jersey. One notices a growing disposition of Grand Masters and their immediate junior officers to exchange visits with neighboring jurisdictions and by the same token the Craft viewpoint is broadened and strengthened. M. W. Bro. Taylor went one step farther by granting his Deputy Grand Master a dispensation to take his "degree team" to Detroit, Michigan, and again to Ohio for the purpose of there conferring degrees. Perhaps our purists and jurists may quarrel with the principle of foreign work being conferred within a jurisdiction, but within reasonable bounds such exchanges of courtesy and good-fellowship will promote the best interests of Freemasonry.

Grand Lodge adopted a motion to create a medal for presentation to all Masons of fifty years standing. Judging by the number of aged members presented to Grand Lodge they will need to strike off a goodly number. Among those so presented were M. W. Bro. Orndorff, 93 years young and Grand Master in 1884, Bro. Cross, inmate of the Home and 93 years of age, Bro. Lewis, age not given but a Mason of 63 years who has been attending Grand Lodge for 53 years. We have heard of Kentucky "moonshine" but do not believe that it accounts for the longevity of these veterans. Perhaps it was the "sunshine." In any event it is well for us to honor those who have borne the heat and burden of the day, for they are a link reaching back to those to whom we owe so much.

Grand Master Taylor comments that he received much inspiration from the inscription he found upon the tombstone of one of the Past Grand Masters, "GOD BLESS YOU BROTHER, IT MEANS MUCH TO BE A MASON."

Interesting rulings: A lodge asked the question if they could receive a Roman Catholic in a Masonic lodge? The reply was that a man's political or religious views, be they what they may, do not disqualify him to be a member of a Masonic lodge, if he is all right otherwise and the lodge is the sole judge of that. He did not quote the Ancient Charges which state that in addition to a belief in God as the Supreme Creator, a candidate must believe in and support constituted law and authority. Of course this case did not involve that question, but in these days it is well to stress that point lest we might find communism within our ranks.

A lodge desired to hold a dance in its hall for its members. The Grand Master issued an edict that no dancing would be permitted in lodge halls on the grounds that he considered it detrimental to the Craft and would create discord in the lodge owing to many ministers and various church members belonging. The Jurisprudence Committee countermanded the edict on the ground that it was a matter for the lodge to decide for itself according to its own conscience. The Grand Master also refused consent to his own lodge to conduct a bazaar for a worthy cause, the principle objection being that he was opposed to the soliciting of funds from and the selling of tickets to the general public.

An unusual motion introduced and laid over till next year was one granting power to the Grand Master and his junior officers to call Grand Lodge to meet elsewhere than Louisville, "if they shall find it to the best interest of the Craft in the matter of publicity and hotel accommodations or other reasons." It seems that on two occasions it has been difficult for delegates to get adequate hotel accommodation owing first to a race meet (right in the home of those Kentucky thoroughbreds) and this year a laundrymen's meeting. Then there was a complaint that the newspapers were not giving sufficient publicity to the sessions. Evidently the Chamber of Commerce heard about it for they had a letter read before Grand Lodge closed promising more attention and better service for the future.

The Grand Master found it necessary to suspend a Worshipful Master after charges preferred against him had been heard at a special meeting of the Committee on Appeals called for the purpose. We only mention this to emphasize the fact that it is a very rare thing and in an organization so vast as Freemasonry, and with such a cosmopolitan membership we should congratulate ourselves that we are so well served in the office of Worshipful Master in our lodges.

Owing to having about \$66,000 of funds tied up in bankrupt banks Grand Lodge authorized the Finance Committee to effect insurance on future deposits at a rate of 1 per cent.

M. W. Bro. Clarke is the author of a splendid report of Foreign Correspondence in which he gives Alberta 1930 very kindly reference and regrets that Kentucky was not covered in our reviews of that year. The reason for the absence of Kentucky from our list was that the volume was either mislaid or had not come to hand. However we shall promise against any future dereliction, fully believing we have been entirely forgiven.

Lodge, 575. Membership, 58,467. Loss, 2,293.

M. W. Grand Master, E. C. Landberg. R. W. Grand Secretary Fred Hardwick.

V.H.M.

LOUISIANA

The Hundred and Twentieth Annual Communication was held in the City of New Orleans on February 2nd, 1931, "and was opened in the third or Master Mason's degree," by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Leon S. Haas. This form of opening on degrees, to us, seems unusual.

The Grand Master refers in his address to the loss in membership with a feeling of alarm on account of so many suspensions for N.P.D. Perhaps it will be found that this reduction in membership from this cause will not, after all, work a lasting injury.

In commenting on the good work of the District Deputy Grand Masters, he suggests that some method should be provided by Grand Lodge, which would entitle them to the same privileges as delegates of the constituent lodges.

He paid a very large number of visits to lodges, and granted many dispensations, one of which was to confer the three degrees of Masonry on an applicant, who was a seaman, at one and the same communication. Another dispensation was to confer the degrees on an applicant, who was home for vacation. Apparently he is now residing in another State, which would make it appear that this Grand Lodge claims perpetual jurisdiction on residents of their State, wherever they may be residing, though the reason given is that the Grand Lodge of the State in which he resides refuses to confer any degrees as a courtesy.

There are a number of pages of rulings and decisions, practically all of which were decided by reference to the Constitution and edicts of Grand Lodge. From some of the decisions it would appear that Louisiana adheres closely to the ancient qualification regarding candidates with a physical defect.

He arrested one lodge charter because of internal disagreements, saying that, "When the members of a lodge cannot live in peace and harmony and when they cannot re-establish their friendly and fraternal association and no interest is being manifested in the affairs of the lodge and Masonry, I consider it my duty to arrest the charter and have done so."

He finds that owing to the disastrous droughth many lodges have been unable to pay their dues to Grand Lodge and suggests that some action be taken by Grand Lodge.

He refused to lay the corner stone of a school building because it was forty per cent completed. The Grand Lodge will not conduct corner stone laying ceremonies when the structure has progressed beyond the foundation stage and unless the stone is a cube.

A resolution was unanimously adopted that each lodge, while at labor, should have the United States' flag displayed on the north side of the altar.

The Foreign Correspondence is conducted by M. W. Bro. Edwin F. Gayle, P.G.M., whose photograph adorns the Proceedings. This report is a most valuable one to those of us who live in the northern part of this hemisphere, giving as it does reports of a number of Grand Jurisdictions in the Latin-Americas. We are not only far removed, but there is also the language difficulty. Bro. Gayle remarks somewhere, that his Spanish is a little rusty, but our Spanish is non-existent, and this writer desires to express his gratitude to Bro. Gayle for these reports, trusting that there will be more of them in the future, as we should become better acquainted with our Latin brethren and their aims in Masonry. Bro. Gayle also mentions several jurisdictions in Europe in his foreword, giving us particulars that are useful.

He reviews Alberta for 1930, quoting Grand Master Middleton's instructions to the District Deputies in full and also quotes him regarding the first organization of a Fund of Benevolence in 1724 in London, England.

We note that the veteran Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge has retired and M. W. Bro. L. E. Thomas succeeds him.

J.H.W.S.K.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Maine was held in Portland on Tuesday, May 5th, 1931, with M. W. Bro. Cyrus N. Blanchard in the Grand East.

We are pleased to note R. W. Bro. Wallace N. Price our Grand Representative was able to be present.

The address of the Grand Master is a resume of his labors during his term of office and is unadorned with frills or flights of oratory. Under the heading of "Condition of Masonry" he dwells on the question of the large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues, and lays the cause on the depression and the large number initiated immediately following the World War, and proceeds to say, "If our lodges had endeavoured during the very active years following the war to inculcate in the minds of the newly admitted members, that the true idea of Masonry is not that of simply wearing a Masonic emblem and being enrolled as a member of some lodge, but that it has a deeper and more significant meaning, then the fraternity would have had, I believe, a healthy growth, and suspensions for non-payment of dues would be normal rather than so excessively large."

It is our opinion that if it has taken the depression to get rid of the dead timber in our lodges, then it has been of service, provided, of course, that no worthy brother has suffered through no cause of his own.

The Grand Master dedicated two lodge halls during his term of office, and attended the George Washington National Memorial Association, of whose work he speaks in glowing terms. The conference of the Grand Masters of New England States in an admirable idea, affording an interchange of views and leading up to a uniformity of standard in the "Work" in conferring degrees, which is highly desirable. Under the heading of "Charity" the Grand Master tells us that the demands on the Grand Lodge Fund for the past ten years have increased two hundred and fifty per-cent, and speaks of the excellent work done by this fund.

The Grand Secretary, in his report draws attention to two very important matters, namely, that of the restoration to membership of brethren who have allowed themselves to remain under suspension until age is creeping over them and then seeking the security of the portals of Masonry. The other question is that of the cheapness of Masonry, and tells us that the average lodge dues including charity assessment is \$3.12. How any lodge can possibly do good work and assume all their responsibilities on this amount surpasses our comprehension. We agree with the Grand Secretary that we value any article according to the price we pay, and certainly Masonry should not be made a cheap institution.

The Proceedings contain a very able and forceful address by Bro. Wm. R. Pattangall, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Maine, in which he exhorts the Masons of his State to align themselves amongst the forces of good government and for World Peace and Harmony. Maine adopted regulations for the trial of Masonic offenses by Commission.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is once again from the pen of our good Bro. Ashley A. Smith, who has always some timely word to communicate to his brethren. This year his "Foreword" is entitled "The Trail of the Serpent" and we would most earnestly commend the reading of this treatise to every brother in Alberta. We appreciate the kindly treatment of Alberta at the hands of Bro. Smith.

M. W. Bro. Cyrus N. Blanchard, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

MANITOBA

1930

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was held at the City of Winnipeg, on 11th June, 1930, M. W. Bro. William Douglas, Grand Master, presiding.

Forty-five Grand Lodges were represented. Alberta's representative was not in attendance.

At the time of the meeting the Diamond Jubilee of the Province of Manitoba was only a few weeks distant and the Grand Master in his address dealt briefly with the fact that Masonry had been introduced in the territory prior to the year 1870 the first lodge U.D. being Northern Light Lodge. Its dispensation came from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, dated 20th May, 1864, and its meeting place was in the Red River settlement near what is today the centre of Winnipeg.

In extending a welcome to the brethren the Grand Master made some observations that indeed provide food for thought.

"It may be that we shall be obliged to reevaluate some of the things which have grown upon the body of Freemasonry, until, in some quarters, that which is extraneous has become the fact, and not Freemasonry alone, but the whole world, is ripe for a whole-hearted identification of men, with consecrated minds, to the needs of a hungry humanity."

and again:

"We may live in the age where the counter-attractions glitter and allure the average man away from, rather than attract him to, the more serious side of life. This does not alter in one iota the truth, that the age long quest of mankind—the seeking after something that was lost—is still an abiding factor in the heart of man."

The Grand Master attended every District Meeting.

In his address the Grand Master squarely meets the oft repeated charge that in matters of benevolence Masonry is "doing nothing." In this connection he says:

"A criticism in these terms is simply rubbish, and when uttered, reflects opinions which are completely ignorant of actual fact. The work of Benevolence should, at all times, be given without ostentation. Freemasonry requires no parade, no brass band accompaniments, no advertising, no high pressure salesmanship, to declare the achievements of the past. In the work of administering the sacred trust of this Grand Lodge, your Committee on Benevolence have written a meritorious page in the recent history of this Grand Lodge."

Specific facts are given to substantiate his statements

Mention is made of his attendance at the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Robert Louis Stevenson in one of his works says:

"It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive."

The Grand Master expresses the same thought in his address:

"In their Masonic journey our candidates seem quite ignorant of what they miss when they simply tear along the highway, covered with dust, so to speak, little realizing that in the course of Freemasonry, as in the course of a journey through a pleasant countryside, the "thither" is often more beautiful, more good, and worth more than what is found when they reach "there."

We remember hearing M. W. Bro. Kerby, our own Immediate Past Grand Master, say that Freemasonry offered to every Mason a philosophy of life as old as the eternal hills of God. The Grand Master of Manitoba, in his address, converts this abstract principle into concrete precepts worthy of the closest consideration of every member of the Order.

The Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry affords interesting reading; the difficulties with which we ourselves meet are present in the sister province and timely suggestions are made for meeting and overcoming these difficulties including "Research and Education." This branch of activity is being pursued vigorously.

In the Review of the Proceedings of Foreign Jurisdictions, Alberta is well and ably reported.

Number of lodges, 103; U. D. 3. Membership, 12,253. Increase, 185.

G.M.B.

MANITOBA

1931

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., held its Fifty-sixth Annual Communication at Brandon, beginning 10th June, 1931, M.W. Bro. George Hunter presided.

R. W. Bro. H. W. Kerr represented Alberta.

Grand Lodge officers were present from Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and British Columbia.

The Grand Master attended all the District Meetings and visited twenty lodges officially, attended Grand Lodge in Saskatchewan and Ontario, visited lodges unofficially—no doubt in his spare time—all involving approximately 12,000 miles of travel. Truly a record of service calling for sincere congratulations and fraternal commendation.

The Grand Master's address is deserving of quotation in full—he has much to say of practical benefit—much philosophy to keep our minds at work and above all displays a grasp of all the fundamentals of our Order. Thus:

"We have a serious responsibility towards the Novitiate. He stands on the one hand at the door of the lodge seeking something; on the other hand stands the Great Fraternity. Only teaching and guidance can bridge the gap. Supply him with Masonic literature, give him a deep appreciation of the spiritual aspects of Freemasonry, and be more concerned with teaching our principles than raising large numbers of Candidates. Look well to the outer door and do not overlook the fact that it should swing outward as well as inward. An investigation into the apathy of such a large percentage of our members might reveal the fact, that it is in a large measure, due to the lack of comprehension of the philosophy of Freemasonry. In our Lodges, time should be found for an explanation of the meaning of many things which every Freemason should know, and, because so many have no chance to participate in the ritualistic work, they become indifferent and remain away. No one who has any comprehensive conception of Freemasonry ever loses interest, but, on the other hand, as his knowledge progresses his interest grows."

This significant fact is at last becoming established—it is true of Alberta as of Manitoba—and we hope the excellent work of the various Grand Lodge Committees on Education and Research will go far in enabling us to discharge that responsibility.

The Grand Master stresses the importance of selecting D.D.G.M.'s with care. He points out the importance and value of District Meetings. The success of a District Meeting depends almost entirely on the D.D.G.M. and, while the expression used by the Grand Master is hoary with age, it well bears repetition.

"It should be a case of the office seeking the man, not the man the office."

We enjoyed the following:

"Masonry is not a Religion, but Masonry and Religion should join hands. Both make a tremendous appeal, each supplements the other. Masonry backs up Religion. Religion is the foundation of Masonry. Religion is fundamental in the spiritual. Masonry is fundamental in the Fraternal. It is the superlative expression of a common Fraternity. Here we 'meet on the level and part on the square.' Religion builds civilization; Masonry works on the civilization already built. It picks out good men and makes them useful and should imbue them with the spirit of service. Masonry is a defense. Religion is an aggressive power; and one is no substitute for the other."

How often do we hear a man say "I don't go to church. Masonic Lodge is good enough for me."

Church attendance or non-attendance is a matter for the individual but we dislike the lodge to be used as an alibi for staying away from church. The Grand Master's words are timely. Masonry is religious but it is not a religion.

The report of the Committee on Freemasonry is comprehensive and thorough. Using the committee's own words it is "critical in nature and at times severely so."

This applies particularly to (1) Finance, (2) Lodge Meetings, and (3) Officers. To cure defects the committee says, in effect: (1) Live within your income, (2) Get busy on Masonic Education and Research, and (3) Be more careful in your selections of Officers.

This salutary advice is applicable in our own Province and might well be taken.

We do not, however, wish to convey an impression that all is not well in our mother Province.

The Committee on Benevolence expended the sum of \$11,666.22 for relief and the capital fund amounts to \$224,171.39.

The reports of the D.D.G.M.'s are full of interest and indicate progress and harmony. R. W. Bro. Arnold Smith of the 12th Masonic District has this to say of Masonic offences:

"Many of my brethren agree with me that consideration should be given to a constitutional change whereby a Mason guilty of an offense against the Laws of our Country, and such offence being a Masonic offence, the brother becomes automatically suspended. As matters are now there is too much favoritism."

Just a little too harsh—my brother. Somewhere we have read of the broad mantle of Masonic Charity. In these cases use that mantle by giving an erring brother a "Masonic Trial."

The same R. W. Brother is moved to caustic speech on Fourth degrees:

"Many brethren are utterly bewildered that Grand Lodge does not formulate some regulations for conducting the Refreshment Hour, non-Masons listen to Masonic speeches and music or noise masquerading as such, and late hours the rule rather than the exception. Music is a Masonic subject, why not Grand Lodge take some interest in it."

Joyfull We concur, but we fear such interference might be a case of angels and other kinds of people.

Grand Lodge is accorded recognition by, and extends recognition to, the Grand Lodge of Denmark; extends recognition to the Grand Lodge of Honduras; refused to recognize a body calling themselves "Grand Orient of Italy."

Ten study clubs have been formed; a Masonic Essay competition conducted producing 19 essays, 12 being from country members.

No review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba would be complete without reference to M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas who, at this communication, presented his 31st consecutive report as Grand Secretary. The committee on his report has this to say of him:

"The weight of years bears more heavily upon the Grand Secretary as the days pass by, yet, a spirit of devoted service; a keen interest and an unfailing love of his brethren remain strong and virile."

Many happy returns Brother Ovas.

Number of lodges, 105; U. D. 1. Membership 12,477. Increase, 224.

Alberta receives kindly notice in the Review of Proceedings of Foreign Jurisdictions.

G.M.B.

MARYLAND

This Grand Lodge held a Special Communication in the City of Baltimore on January 22nd, 1931, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Post Office Building in that city. A brief history of the Post Office in Baltimore is included in the Proceedings, an interesting record from 1683, when the first Postal route authorized by the King of Great Britain, in the American Colonies was established. It ran from Philadelphia into Maryland and was operated by Post Riders, once a week over a trail marked only by blazed trees. In 1713 the Province of Maryland made it a duty of the sheriff to convey all letters to their destination in his county and to deliver all mail for points outside his country to the next sheriff, for which duty his salary was 600 pounds of tobacco per year. The first holder of the office of Post Master under the colonial government was a woman, Miss Goddard. The development of transportation from the post rider of those early days to the present air mail is briefly told and is an epitome of the spectacular advances that have taken place in the last 250 years.

Ground was broken for the first unit of their Masonic Home at Bonnie Blink—what a tuneful sound that name has—on May 19th, 1931, which was the culmination of eight and a half years of planning and preparation, under the wise guidance of the late M. W. Bro. Warren Seipp, whose memory was graciously remembered by the Grand Master handing the spade to Warren S. Seipp, Junior, to turn the first spadeful. At a subsequent communication, held on October 10th, 1931, the corner stone of this Masonic Home was laid by the Acting M. W. Grand Master.

The Hundred and Forty-fifth Annual Communication was held on November 17th 1931. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Gorsuch, presiding.

His address is a model of brevity, simply stating the outstanding events of his year of office.

Maryland has a very complete system of instruction by a Grand Lecturer and three assistants. Their report states that schools are now

available for all lodges throughout the State and no member is required to travel far to reach any one of them.

Their Board of Relief is active. It appears that this board conducts Masonic funerals at the request of lodges of other jurisdictions. They also visit the various hospitals on behalf of these lodges. Apparently duties of this board are largely for the purpose of looking after those in need from other jurisdictions.

The Committee on Grievances had no appeal or cause of grievance submitted to them.

We note that Alberta was not represented, but the representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia responded for himself and the others in reply to the welcome of the Grand Master.

The Report on Correspondence is by R. W. Bro. John L. Sanford, P.J.G.W. In his "Forword" he says, that while he has endeavored to present matters in general rather than local interest, he has not hesitated to call attention to doctrines which savored of a departure from that conservatism which has characterized Maryland Freemasonry, and if he has criticised, it is from a sense of duty as a protest against the deviation from established Masonic custom and usage.

Alberta receives generous notice for 1930. He approved of the Grand Master's rulings as being "sound Masonic law." He quotes from the Grand Master's address regarding benevolence and also mentions Bro. The Rev. G. A. Wells' address on "Bonds of Empire," stating, "He paid a glowing tribute to the British Commonwealth of nations, although we prefer to call it The British Empire." He criticises our recognition of several European Grand Lodges, saying, "We cannot follow the ratiocination of the committee."

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Geo. R. Gorsuch.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Geo. Cook.

J.H.W.S.K.

MASSACHUSETTS

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts held four Quarterly Communications in 1931, on March 11th, June 10th, September 9th, and December 9th, and a Stated Communication on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, December 28th.

Four Special Communications of the Grand Lodge were held during the year, the first for the constitution of Mount Scopus Lodge; the second to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Satucket Lodge, located at East Bridgewater; the third to celebrate the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of Mountain Lodge, located at Shelburne Falls; and the fourth for the purpose of dedicating a Masonic Temple.

At the Quarterly Communication held on March 11th, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dean, paid high tribute to R. W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, President of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England, who had suddenly passed away a few days before this communication. We quote: "Brother Robbins was a man of broad outlook, clear vision, and deep sympathy, not only a

great Freemason but a very kindly and courteous gentleman. His death is an irreparable loss to the Fraternity."

At this meeting the Grand Master reported that arrangements had been made to provide each Lodge of Instruction with a small but comprehensive library, for the use of the instructors, comprising:

"Street's Symbolism."
"Little Masonic Library." (20 Vols.)
"Grand Constitutions."
"English Speaking Masonry."
"The Builders."
"The Men's House."
"Short Talks on Masonry."
"The Religion of Freemasonry."
"Short Readings in Masonic History."
"Copies of Grand Lodge Proceedings."

In financial matters, the Grand Master stated that the general attitude of the Grand Lodge had been to interfere as little with lodge affairs as possible, but went on to say that when a lodge applies to the Grand Lodge for assistance, in justice to the whole Fraternity whose funds are being administered, Grand Lodge has a right to ascertain whether the need of the lodge is real or is caused by improper financing or ill-considered expenditures.

Referring to Non-Masonic Bodies, the Grand Master says: "As has been repeatedly stated, these bodies are not Masonic in any sense of the word and have no more relation in regard to Masonic affairs than if composed of non-Masons.

"The attitude of this Grand Lodge towards them has, I believe, been one of neutrality as long as their activities did not intrude upon our prerogatives as a Fraternity, or their conduct in any way bring discredit to Freemasonry.

"Our endeavors have been in a friendly way to keep the line of demarcation clearly drawn between such organizations and the body of Masonry."

The following opinion of the Grand Master is highly instructive:

"For the past few years we have been giving too much attention to candidates and not enough to our members.

"An army which devotes its attention to enlisting recruits and neglects the drill and mora'e of the main body would be of little use in times of stress. Yet this is what we have been doing to a great extent.

"Too many of our members have lost interest and strayed away.

"Contributing factors to this condition are lack of acquaintanceship, lack of opportunity for sociability, and lack of programs which appeal to them.

"These conditions we should strive to overcome."

At the Quarterly Communication on June 10th, the Grand Master under the subject of Education says, that the Massachusetts plan is primarily the education of the candidates in non-ritualistic Masonic knowledge.

At this communication a complete list of bequests to Grand Lodge from the period commencing with 1914 is enumerated. These total over \$650,000.00.

At the Quarterly Communication held on September 9th, M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson presented an historical paper on St. John's Grand Lodge from 1775 to 1787, this twelve year period in the history of this Grand Lodge having been somewhat obscure. M. W. Bro. Johnson was able to present references to numerous meetings of lodges indicating considerable Masonic activity in Massachusetts during this period.

At the Quarterly Communication held on December 9th, the usual statistical reports were presented. It appeared that the expenditures of the Fraternity of Massachusetts for Hospital, Home, and general charity, including the Service and Employment Department, amounted to over \$347,000.00 during the fiscal year then reported on.

In his address the Grand Master reviewed the work of the year, which showed progress in every line of Masonic endeavor.

At this Quarterly Communication two very interesting reports were submitted by W. Bro. J. Hugo Tatsch in reference to the work proceeding in the organization and classification of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum, from which it would appear that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts have one of the great Masonic Libraries of the world and are still persevering in the work of organizing and equipping this Library with the most modern and efficient system of library management.

At the Stated Communication held on December 28th, very inspiring addresses were delivered by W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy of Washington, D.C., Executive Secretary of the National Masonic Service Association of United States, by Bro. the Honorable Channing H. Cox, former Governor of Massachusetts; and by Bro. Rev. John Morris Evans, D.D., of Providence, R. I.

We quote from Ex-Governor Cox's address: "In the last 130 years of the history of this country, since 1800, we have had fourteen major depressions, and up to date we have had thirteen recoveries from those depressions.

"I know that what has been, will be again; that what has happened before, will happen again. There is a rhythmic law of finance. If it were one happening, you might call it an occurrence. If it were two happenings, you might call it a coincidence, but when we come to find fourteen happenings, I believe that therein we find a law. Depressions end when this immutable law, call it whatever you please, the law of supply and demand; the law of ebb and flow; the law of compensation; of ups for downs; when that immutable law in its working reaches a point in its forward motion when it demands acceleration and elevation, then our depression ends. When our eras of prosperity reach that point in their forward motion, when from their own weight they must fall to a lower level, then comes the end of those eras of prosperity."

Bro. Dr. Evans summed up his address in these few words: "Here they are, the five factors of real creative fellowship that make for social progress. First, organized intelligence; second, the 'we' feeling; third, keeping tomorrow open; fourth, maintaining an attitude of mental flexibility; fifth, living by our admirations."

Number of Lodges, 330. Membership, 125,547. Decrease, 1,162.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Curtis Chipman.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Frederick S. Hamilton.

F.S.S.

YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO

The Seventieth Annual Communication of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico was held in the City of Monterrey on April 17th, 1930. M. W. Bro. H. Edward Nyberg, Grand Master presided.

There were 26 members of Grand Lodge and 13 visitors present. Three Past Grand Masters were among the members present. The Grand Master is also the Master of one of the constituent lodges. It was ruled "that the oath of allegiance be adopted in all lodges subject to the approval or modification at the next Annual Communication."

This Grand Lodge awaits recognition from the Grand Lodges of Alabama, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. We make the following excerpt from the Grand Master's address:

"We have full confidence that, when the truth, as to our Masonic standing and procedure, become clearly understood by the above Grand Bodies, this Grand Lodge will reap its just reward for the strict adherence to the precepts and established principles of Anglo-American or York Rite Masonry. No change has occurred in the friendly relations of the York Rite and the Scottish Rite Grand Bodies of Mexico, but fundamental Masonic principles still prevent fraternal relations."

An interesting amendment to the constitution reads:

"A Quorum, without which no lodge may be opened, shall consist of three Master Masons, one of whom shall be the Worshipful Master, or one of the Wardens of the lodge, and the others shall be Master Masons in good standing."

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Education we quote:

"We owe it to our younger members that they be instructed in the ways of the Craft. How many times we hear the younger craftsmen say that, owing to ignorance they are afraid to voice opinions; also, these same members are anxious to advance and grow Masonically. Many times the younger members can be given articles to read and then requested that they present to the lodge what they have found out. We realize that in our jurisdiction we are mostly very busy men and do not have time to spend upon study, we might not like to have to produce original articles, but we certainly can have access to good books, and we can find many interesting articles that we can call to the attention of the Craft."

The following appears in the Grand Master's Report:

"I have been interested to observe that these very minor differences have usually crept in through those zealous sojourners found in each of our lodges, whose help and Masonic spirit have always been so greatly appreciated. Raised in New York or California, Minnesota or Texas; loyal members of their own home lodges and adept in their own home work, they have whole-heartedly joined us in keeping our lodge fires brightly burning during our times of stress and danger, speaking their own Masonic language and following the customs they were taught. And if through this mixture of Masonic lore there have occurred changes in the dotting of a few i's or the crossing of a few t's the good they have done us and Masonry render unimportant these relatively trivial changes."

Yes that is no doubt true the world over. Each brother generally feels that his mother lodge knew and practised the best methods. We have these brethren in Alberta and we welcome them.

We like this also:

"Led by men of breadth and strength, through years of trouble and untold difficulties, we have fought a good fight, we have kept the faith. Pioneers of Masonry in a non-Masonic country, we have blazed through suffering, courageous to continue to battle for the right, we march onward, 'with friendship toward all, with malice toward none.'

"Masonry's mission calls to us in this mighty land to carry high the standard of our faith. Masonry's mission will be complete when knowledge eradicates ignorance; when kindliness overcomes intolerance, and broadmindedness replaces bigotry.

"Let us continue our part in carrying forward the work of our forefathers so that down through the corridors of Time the Masonic hosts shall forever march."

The York Masons own their Temple in the City of Mexico.

There is a Masonic Journal under the control of the Grand Body.

M. W. Bro. Marcus A. Loevy is Chairman of Foreign Relations and takes two pages in his courteous review of Alberta.

M. W. Bro. John B. MacMillan, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. A. Percival Hughes, Grand Secretary.

14 Lodges. Membership, 937. Gain 12.

M.M.D.

MICHIGAN

The Eighty-Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was held in the City of Battle Creek on May 26th and 27th, 1931. M. W. Bro. George B. Dolliver, Grand Master, presided. He was supported by sixteen Past Grand Masters. The Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. William H. Gallagher, Alberta's Representative was among those present.

The Grand Master's address covers fifty pages of the Proceedings. He reviews the financial situation and speaking of delinquent lodges he says:

"No lodge has any right to ask the other lodges of Michigan to carry its financial burden in addition to their own . . . and if a Masonic lodge lacks sufficient standing in the community to secure credit at the bank, there is at least room for doubt that it should continue to struggle along."

Refusal to lay corner stones for small school houses and semi-public buildings was noted. The reason was the cost of calling special communications of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master, on account of the financial depression refused to issue any dispensation for new lodges and he appears to have been cautious in this matter. We quote from his address:

"The Grand Master would not be misunderstood. He really favors more new lodges, but in places and under circumstances where they can serve and prosper. He has often wished that Grand Lodge had the power to divide some overly large lodges into two, three or a half dozen smaller ones believing this would be a blessing to Masonry

in Michigan. But even Masonry is not a perfect institution. It cannot realise all its ideals. It must go slowly and cautiously and follow faithfully the course that lies between the perfect distribution of Masonic membership and the rights of the individual lodge and the individual Mason."

From his address we find the Grand Master had occasion to rule that there can be no such thing as a Masonic Prize Fight, an All-State Masonic Bowling Tournament or like events, which, commendable perhaps in themselves, should not be hooked up with the institution of Masonry.

At Ann Arbor there is an organization known as the Craftsmen's Club which furnishes a Masonic Home for students who are Masons and in attendance at the university. It appears to be doing good work.

Michigan notes the passing of three Past Grand Masters—M. W. Bros. Frank T. Lodge, William Perret, and Roscoe W. Broughton.

Distinguished visitors were present from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons and from the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Michigan.

The Grand Lecturer conducted 96 Lodges of Instruction with a total attendance of 12,000 Masons.

Michigan has a blanket Fidelity Bond which covers the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Superintendent of the Masonic Home and the officers of constituent lodges. Grand Lodge charges back to each lodge its share of premium. That appears to be a good plan.

The Finance Committee recommended that \$300,000 be borrowed and placed at the disposal of the Masonic Home for building purposes.

The work of the Michigan Masonic Service Commission has been suspended for want of funds. The Commission will continue as a department of Grand Lodge but will be inactive until its financing will not be a burden. As a memorial to the late chairman it will be known in future as the Frank T. Lodge Masonic Service Commission.

One cannot read the report of the visitations of the Grand Master without feeling he thinks much of the Eastern Star.

Alberta 1930 is given a very courteous review of over two pages. This is from the pen of R. W. Bro. William H. Gallagher.

M. W. Bro. Albert Y. Young, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary.

507 Lodges. 150,107 Members. Decrease, 1,627.

M. M. D.

MINNESOTA

Seventy-Eighth Annual Communication at St Paul, January 21st and 22nd, 1931.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. William K. Gill, Grand Master. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was present as a distinguished guest. Alberta was represented by Bro. Edwin J. Simon, Grand Representative.

Two Schools of Instruction were held during the year with beneficial results. Says the Grand Master: "I was particularly fortunate in being present (at one of these schools) and came away from the School firmly convinced of the need of like assemblages throughout the jurisdiction."

Sincere tribute is paid by the Grand Master to the fraternal work being carried on at the Rochester Hospitals. This is indeed a labor of love, "dispensing comfort and consolation to those passing through severely trying ordeals, with the fineness of thought and tenderness of sympathy as comes only to the hearts of men who would go through life doing good to others."

Lodge publications are permitted with a prohibition on political promotion and on advertising for abnormal profit or for the realization of any special fund.

Minnesota records a net loss of 382 in a membership of 61,378.

The Grand Oration is by the Grand Orator, Bro. John F. D. Meighan and is entitled "The Administration of Justice." It is an interesting commentary of law and justice premised on the instruction to the Entered Apprentice who is taught to "render to every man his just due without distinction."

A resolution was introduced permitting dual membership to the extent of membership in a Minnesota lodge and membership in a lodge of another jurisdiction recognized by Minnesota concurrently. The resolution was recommended for rejection by the Committee on Jurisprudence and their recommendation was adopted. Unless we misinterpret the situation, a man must break all home ties Masonically, before he may affiliate with a lodge in Minnesota. If this is so, we don't quite "get the idea."

There are a number of interesting items in the report with local flavor upon which we cannot touch in this review, but which reflect the wisdom and tolerance of our Minnesota brethren in no small measure.

Complete statistics and the Review of Foreign Correspondence round out a fine volume. Alberta, as usual, draws kindly and generous mention.

Next Communication, St. Paul, January 20th and 21st, 1932.

M. W. Grand Master, Joseph L. Mitchell, Austin.

R. W. Grand Secretary, John Fishel, St. Paul.

A.M.M.

MISSISSIPPI

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi met for the One Hundred and Thirteenth Grand Communication at Jackson, February 17th and 18th, 1931, M. W. Bro. William T. Dennon, Grand Master. Alberta's representative was not present. The distinguished visitors received included the Grand Master of Tennessee, M. W. Bro. Hope, and the Grand Master of Louisiana, M. W. Bro. Sykes.

The Grand Master in his address, unique for its brevity, stated that while it had not been a year of activity in degree work, yet, because of the very conditions Masons as individuals had been brought closer to God and to a fuller realization of their obligations to Him, to the

distressed brother, widow, and orphan. He recommended that before lodges may embark upon a building program their plans, specifications and estimates shall be submitted to a special committee of Grand Lodge for approval.

We sympathize with our brethren of the South who have been greatly embarrassed with the numerous closing of banks. Grand Lodge introduced a motion granting representation to those lodges which had not paid their per capita through their funds being tied up in defunct banks. Fortunately for the Craft Grand Lodge carries surety bonds for the guarantee of security of lodge funds and thus there will be no actual loss. That the brethren in Alberta may know something of the fortitude of Mississippi Masons under their difficulties, we quote:

"Since June last year more than 80 State and National banks have failed. The Red Cross is doing charity work in virtually every county. Perhaps there are more people dependent on charity at this time (February, 1931) than has ever been the case before. This has reflected itself in the activities of Masonry because our Masonic brethren have severely suffered in financial loss and distress. There has been a loss for non-payment of dues of 2,400 members. Through and in these depressing times our Masonic brethren fought valiantly on and will continue to do this. Masonry has met discouragements in the past but they have never given up the fight. When real men, true men and good men were needed in the forefront in the cause of relieving distress, Masons have always been first among them and we predict that this will even be the case." That is the spirit, Mississippi, and may God bless you.

The per capita tax is \$2.75. With this money, in addition to certain endowments, the usual services as well as two orphanages and a relief fund are maintained. About 175 children are kept in the two homes at an average yearly cost of about \$355.00.

A special committee was appointed to draft out a relief policy to supplant the method now used, where relief is administered by the Home Managers. It was felt that the amount paid out by Grand Lodge was out of all proportion to that paid by the subordinate lodges. The money has been found from the annual appropriation of the Home Fund, but this was proving rather inadequate so the committee recommended the formation of a Foundation Fund, the revenue of which shall be used for relief purposes.

The Masonic Service committee reported that they had confined their efforts for the year upon the extension of the circulating library and short talk bulletins. Lodges were circularized with lists of the books and bulletins together with short descriptive matter indicating the contents of these. The committee believe their program has been partly responsible for the keeping alight of the Masonic fires during a period of unprecedented difficulties.

The Grand Orator, Bro. John R. Tally, delivered a splendid oration on the descent of the democratic idea of civilization through Masonry to present days, and applied it to the Mason of today to carry on the high traditions. A very pertinent reference to our personal obligations was:

"One of the first great troubles with us is this. When we try to improve ourselves in Masonry we try to do it by comparing ourselves with some other brother. Masonry never intended that you should make any such comparisons at all. What Masonry is trying to do is

not to save me from my brother, but to save me from myself, to save me from the inbred passions and prejudices that come into my life, for which I am not responsible."

Answering the question, why Masons are drawn away from the lodge by extraneous attractions? he suggested, "It is because we have not got the conception that Masonry is my business. It is a part of my life work, to improve myself and to help improve and strengthen my brother, because in so doing I am building a community, a government and a nation."

Alberta was not reviewed in the foreign correspondence, which we deeply regret.

Lodges, 371. Membership, 33,804. Loss, 1,399.

V.H.M.

MISSOURI

M. W. Bro. William R. Gentry, Grand Master, opened in Ample Form the One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Missouri held in the City of St. Louis on Tuesday, the 29th day of September, 1931.

There were a number of distinguished brethren from neighboring jurisdictions as well as dignitaries of other Masonic Bodies within his own State, all of whom were received with the honors befitting their station.

The Grand Master's address covers some 45 pages of printed matter on every page of which his strong and virile character, which ks him as a highly efficient Grand Master and a Good Mason, is evident.

He reports peace and harmony prevailing in his lodges. The matter of dual membership causes some difficulty; and the Grand Master has given some very excellent decisions when called upon, to avoid brethren being deprived of their Masonic membership.

The question of Masonic Trials is raised by M. W. Bro. Gentry and as a result trial by Commission is now adopted by this Grand Body.

Sunday observances is another matter of comment by the Grand Master, making a strong recommendation to the lodges to avoid holding picnics on a Sunday and the doing of anything which might hurt susceptibilities of any of the brethren.

A very pleasing reference in the Grand Master's address is entitled "The Shut-Ins" and refers to visits he has made to brethren who are unable to attend lodge by reason of disability or sickness. His remarks are very beautiful and we would like to cull these few words therefrom:

"Brethren we are entirely too prone to neglect one of our duties, which is to make the world happier by carrying a message of sunshine and gladness in visits to those of our brethren who cannot come out and mingle with us."

The commercialization of Masonry has caused the Grand Master no little worry and he faces the situation fairly demanding that such abuses be discontinued.

The timely donation of 80 acres of land by a lady, Mrs. Mary Hutmaker, who has no Masonic connections, for the erection of a Home

for Children, has solved a very difficult problem for the jurisdiction of Missouri. Youth and Old Age have been housed together, causing inconvenience and annoyance to the management. Under the terms of this munificent gift, the children will be entirely separated from the old folk and each will be happier as a result.

From the Grand Secretary's Report we learn there has been a loss in membership of 1,999, otherwise conditions in the Craft appear to be in excellent condition.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Corona H. Briggs. Alberta is given generous recognition in the report.

M. W. Bro. Ray. V. Denslow, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Arthur Mather, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

MONTANA

Sixty-Seventh Annual Communication held at Butte, August 19th and 20th, 1931.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Carl L. Brattin, Grand Master. The Grand Masters of North Dakota and Idaho were present as distinguished guests. Alberta was represented by Bro. J. W. Speer, Grand Representative.

One lodge, Mount Moriah, No. 24, at Butte, entertained the Grand Master on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary.

Montana reports success with its Educational Campaign carried out by a system of Lodge Instructors similar to our plan of District Deputies.

One thing we always look for in Montana's Proceedings is her contacts with Canadian jurisdictions. We are seldom disappointed. This time we find Montana fraternizing with Saskatchewan, to the lasting friendship of both we hope.

The Chain Letter pest again receives the condemnation it deserves.

A committee was appointed to investigate the much vexed question of dual membership, but made no definite report at this Communication.

Montana reports a net loss of 218 on a membership of 20,695.

A proposal to grant life membership automatically after twenty-five years' dues paying membership was rejected after lengthy consideration.

An able address by the Grand Chaplain, Bishop Herbert H. H. Fox, entitled "The Worshipful Master" appears in full. Every Worshipful Master should read it and every prospective Worshipful Master should read it twice.

Our P. G. M., M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton was a welcome guest and delivered a fine address, received with enthusiasm.

Brother Scott Leavitt, who is, we believe, one of Montana's Congressmen at Washington, gave an excellent resume of the law maker's

work and its relation to the Masonic ideal. His address appears in full and while naturally it is national in tone and scope, is well worth reading.

A committee was appointed to investigate the possibilities of a monthly magazine.

There are the usual very complete statistical tables and a Report on Foreign Correspondence, in which, as usual, Alberta receives very kindly mention.

Next Annual Communication at Helena, August 17th and 18th, 1932.

M. W. Grand Master, Leroy A. Foot, Helena.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Luther T. Hanberg, Helena.

A.M.M.

NEBRASKA

Seventy-fourth Annual Communication held at Omaha, June 9th, 10th and 11th, 1931.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Orville A. Andrews, Grand Master.

A special communication is reported when the corner stone of a new wing of the Eastern Star Home for Children was laid with due ceremonial. An oration suited to the occasion was delivered by the Grand Orator, Wor. Bro. Paul C. Johnston. It is a fine appreciation of the appeal of the child.

In his address, on the subject of Masonic Education, the Grand Master believes that the Committee on Masonic Education should not yet be made a constitutional committee. "I believe that this Grand Body is not ready to adopt, as permanent, a work that is still only experimental."

Central Schools of Instruction are a feature of Nebraska's educational work. The degrees are exemplified and discussed and addresses are given by prominent brethren.

Three lodges celebrated fiftieth anniversaries during the year.

The Grand Master recommends that the law in Nebraska be amended to make it possible to receive maimed petitioners. "Where the loss of certain members of the human body is supplied by artificial means, which would thereby enable the petitioner to comply with our peculiar rites and ceremonies." With this recommendation we agree. We seem to be more insistent on physical perfection regardless of mental deficiency than is really necessary in a purely speculative organization.

The Order DeMolay for Boys in Nebraska comes in for some censure. Nebraska refuses to permit her lodges to sponsor Chapters of this organization.

In his concluding remarks the Grand Master makes an observation, with which we heartily concur:

"I am converted to the belief that smaller lodges will assist in the progress of Masonic Education, likewise to multiplying Masonic influence for good."

A loss of 1,286 members from a total membership of 42,150 is recorded.

The Grand Custodian in his report comments briefly on a topic which is likely to crop up more frequently as the years go on:

"There are several small lodges where jurisdiction is limited, and where the material is practically all called elsewhere by the changed conditions of the times and roads."

The Oration by Bro. Paul Covey Johnston, Grand Orator, entitled "The Mastery of Life" appears in full and contains much simple common sense and sound philosophy for general conduct.

The Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace presents a fine report. If this committee does no actual active service in promoting world peace it persistently keeps the ideal before the brethren and this is one of the little stones that will build the Temple. Blessings on you and your work.

Complete statistical tables and a review of Foreign Correspondence on the topical reference scheme complete the report. We can find no reference from Alberta's Proceedings but all the "hardy annuals" are fully and most interestingly dealt with.

Next Annual Communication at Omaha, June 7th, 1932.

M. W. Grand Master, John R. Tapster, North Bend.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Lewis E. Smith, Omaha.

A. M. M.

NEVADA

67th Annual Communication, Ely, June 11th and 12th, 1931.

M. W. Bro. Wm. R. Adams, Grand Master, called the brethren to order at High Twelve. Alberta's Grand Representative, Bro. A. J. Proctor, was present. Two subordinate lodges were not represented. Seven Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Master reported that he had visited every constituent lodge in the jurisdiction, and in every instance with the possible exception of one lodge had found the true Masonic spirit prevalent, work on the trestle boards, enthusiastic young Master Masons carrying on as officers, the funds of the various lodges handled in a business-like manner, and the books of the lodges well kept. In his visits he had endeavored to remind the brethren of the solemn obligation that they owed to the Institution of the necessity of regular attendance at their lodge communications, of the urgency of hearty co-operation between officers and brethren, and of the practice of the Masonic virtue of Charity, especially in these times of depression.

At a joint installation with Argenta Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star the Grand Master installed the officers of Escorial Lodge, No. 7, at Virginia City. That is going a little further than we have yet reached in Alberta. Was it merely a coincidence that Escorial Lodge was one of the two lodges not represented at Grand Lodge? However, there is still hope; the Grand Master ruled that a brother who was clear on the books of his lodge and against whom no charges were pending, could

not be refused a demit merely because he happened to be indebted for a sum of money to the Order Eastern Star.

The number of suspensions for non-payment of dues is evidently causing concern. There were sixty-one suspensions during the year, and the total membership now stands at 3,105, a net gain of 46.

The Grand Master recommended that a uniform funeral or burial service for constituent lodges be prepared, and also a new service for the reception of the flag.

Nevada seems to have difficulty in raising the \$1.00 per member contribution to the George Washington Memorial Fund.

The Grand Lodge of Honduras was recognized.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. Merwyn H. Brown, delivered an oration of "Freemasonry and the Individual" in which he stressed the importance of work, and the necessity of each member contributing something to Masonry before he can expect to derive any benefit from his relation to the Craft. A very straightforward address.

A very interesting account of the history of Esmeralda Lodge, No. 6, at Aurora, Nevada, was prepared by the Grand Historian, W. Bro. D. E. W. Williamson, and read by the Grand Secretary. The rise and fall of many western communities are typified in this account.

The Review of Foreign Correspondence is in the hands of M. W. Bro. V. M. Henderson, P.G.M., whose title is Grand Commissioner of Review. This is Bro. Henderson's first appearance in this role, and he has every reason to feel proud of the results of his efforts. The Review is a very extensive one, comprising 81 Grand Jurisdictions, and is a veritable mine of Masonic information. The high lights in practically all Grand Jurisdictions are given us, quite often with a pithy comment. This reviewer feels indebted to the Grand Commissioner for the Masonic knowledge and information that he has gained from reading the Review. Alberta received her share of attention.

M. W. Bro. Scott E. Jameson, Tonopah, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. V. M. Henderson, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

NEW BRUNSWICK

1930

The Sixty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of The Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held in the City of St. John on the 28th August, 1930.

Six Past Grand Masters were in attendance and a strong muster of representatives of other Grand Lodges. Alberta's representative was not present.

In his address the Grand Master reports having visited all the lodges in his jurisdiction and arising out of these visits expresses the hope that Grand Lodge will appoint a travelling Instructor to instruct lodges in ritualistic work. A resolution in harmony with this desire was passed by Grand Lodge.

One wonders if this is not a matter for the D.D.G.M.'s. It seems to be a matter peculiarly within the province of these Grand Lodge officers.

The Grand Master ruled that matters of public interest should not be discussed on the floor of the lodge.

We heartily approve of his wisdom in rejecting this attempted inroad of "modernism," so called, into lodge activities.

This Grand Lodge has suffered in the death of one of its distinguished members in the person of M. W. Bro. D. C. Clark, who held office as Grand Master, 1917-1919.

46 lodges. Membership, 6,057.

M. W. Bro. Stanley Maurice Wetmore, Grand Master.

G.M.B.

NEW BRUNSWICK 1931.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Communication was convened in the City of St. John on 27th August, 1931.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Stanley M. Wetmore, presided.

Five Past Grand Masters were in attendance and a distinguished visitor, in the person of the M. W. the Grand Master of New Hampshire was welcomed to the meeting.

We missed Alberta's representative.

In extending a welcome to the Brethren of Grand Lodge the Grand Master pertinently points out:

"We assemble at this time when the world is struggling with a great economic depression, and we wonder how we are to solve the problems arising out of the changed conditions, but while the clouds seem dark on the horizon, I would remind you that as every cloud has its silver lining, so let us, with the aid of the teachings of our Masonic fraternity, endeavor to hasten the return of better days by practising the principles of the common brotherhood, realizing as we should, how much we are dependent on each other for our future well-being."

During his year the Grand Master visited twenty-three of the lodges in his jurisdiction.

No contentious matters came before him during the year and New Brunswick is to be congratulated on the harmony which prevails.

The Grand Master recommends that D.D.G.M.'s be appointed with greater care and that they should meet at expense of GrandLodge for instruction in the three degrees so that they can properly instruct their lodges. We can hardly endorse the matter of giving classes of instruction to D.D.G.M.'s. Such knowledge should be an absolute prerequisite to appointment.

Among dispensations granted, we notice seven to confer degrees short of four weeks.

In the West, where we are supposed to be "Hustlers," we don't work quite so fast as that. Doubtless, however, the Grand Master felt there was "good and sufficient" reason for his actiojn.

Widows, orphans and distressed Masons were recipients of a total sum of \$1,925.00.

The Board of General Purposes was unable to put into effect the recommendation of Grand Lodge that a travelling instructor be used. Too much expense.

The Independent and Regular National Grand Lodge of France and the French Colonies is accorded recognition.

Congratulations were extended to the M. W. the Grand Lodge of New York on the 150th Anniversary of its formation.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address in referring to official visits made by the Grand Master, has this to say:

"Grand Lodge will be fully convinced of the fact that this work of visitation is becoming too arduous for one man."

We wonder how the Grand Master would like to undertake official visits in the West where ten to twelve thousand miles is the rule rather than the exception.

A grant of \$1,000.00 was made to the New Brunswick Orphans Home.

There is no fraternal correspondence.

43 lodges. Membership, 6,035.

G.M.B.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire as published for 1931 contain not only a record of the minutes of Grand Lodge but also contain the minutes of the several District Meetings and also that of the Semi-Annual Communication which partook of the nature of a Lodge of Instruction.

The Annual Communication was held in the City of Concord, on May 20th, 1931, with M. W. Bro. George E. Danforth presiding in the Grand East, and being the one hundred and forty-second.

On the roll call of Grand Representatives we regret to again note the absence of Alberta.

Distinguished Visitors from Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts were received and duly honored.

The Grand Master's address is largely a resume of his work during his tenure of office. He reports an addition to the Masonic Home, which will afford refuge for 18 additional guests, and was dedicated to Isaac Long Heath, who left a substantial legacy to the Home.

The Grand Master received the following cable from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

"On the eve of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the first Grand Lodge recognition of American Freemasonry by constituting a Pro-

vincial Grand Lodge for New England, I wish to congratulate all our brethren in the United States, on the great Masonic progress they have made. I reiterate my fraternal good wishes and sincerely desire their continued happiness and prosperity. It remains my earnest hope that the tenets of our Order may assist still further to strengthen the bonds of friendship and goodwill which so happily exists between our two nations, and I shall continue to watch with sympathy every endeavour on both sides of the Atlantic to promote those feelings by the development of Freemasonry in its purest and highest form." (Signed "Arthur" Grand Master.)

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters follow much on the line of our own Grand Lodge and show the lodges to be in satisfactory condition.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommend that full recognition be accorded to the Grand Lodge of Chile, and deferred action on the requests from Roumania, Germany and Ecuador.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney and represents his twenty-fifth. Here is what he has to say about it:

"It has been a quarter of a century of real work. Yes! But it has also been a quarter of a century of constant and continuous delight. There cannot, naturally, be a quarter of a century more of it, so take recourse to the virtue of patience."

"Here you will find something of light upon what is going on in the Masonic world. Please sit down and let me talk with you a while."

In the review of Alberta he adopts that happy conversational mood as we see him turn the pages of our Proceedings and comment on our doings. We express our appreciation for his kindly treatment.

M. W. Bro. Allan M. Wilson, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretray.

W.I.

NEW JERSEY

The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey was held in the City of Trenton on the 22nd and 23rd days of April, A. D. 1932. M. W. Bro. Donald J. Sargent, Grand Master, presided.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters and fifty-eight Grand Representatives of foreign jurisdictions were present, Alberta not being represented. Distinguished visitors on the first day included the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Connecticut, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Vermont, who were accompanied by other Grand Lodge officers of those jurisdictions. On the second day the Grand Lodge received other distinguished visitors in the persons of the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island, who were similarly accompanied. Interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by the visiting Grand Masters, and are reported in extenso in the Proceedings.

Eight Emergent or Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held during the year, five for the constitution of new lodges, two for

the laying of corner stones, and one for conducting the Masonic burial rites over M. W. Bro. William R. Meakle, Past Grand Master. The Grand Master presided on all these special occasions.

In M. W. Bro. Sargent's annual address as Grand Master he reported peace and prosperity in his jurisdiction even in the face of severe world-wide economic disturbances; the formation of two new lodges; visitations to the number of two hundred and fifteen to the lodges and their social functions, including numerous attendances at meetings of other organizations allied to the Masonic Fraternity (of which several exist in New Jersey which are unknown in Alberta); official visits to nine other Grand Jurisdictions totalling forty-four, in all of which the most outstanding was the One Hundredth Communication of Vernon Lodge, No. 1,055, when there were present brethren from one hundred and sixty lodges representing eighteen Grand Jurisdictions in the United States and eighteen brethren from jurisdictions in four foreign countries.

Notwithstanding that cordial relations appear to exist between the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and the various Orders and organizations making membership in the Masonic Fraternity a requirement, the Grand Master makes the following observation:

"While I have observed and fully appreciate the troubles and dangers to our Fraternity from organizations that make membership in the Masonic Fraternity a pre-requisite to their membership, I am firm in the belief that such organizations, or at least many of them, could better justify their assumption of identity with us, and be of much good and service to our institution if they would observe the obligations such assumption imposes on them."

We feel justified in quoting in toto M. W. Bro. Sargent's views expressed under the heading "Lodge Charity":

"One distressing condition in many of our lodges is the lack of any provision for relief activities. A number of lodges, on the other hand, have relief funds, the income from which fully cares for their charities.

"Unfortunately it seems to be the impression held by many of those lodges with no provision for lodge charity, that Grand Lodge, from 'Charity Foundation,' should care for all Masonic charity and relief in the jurisdiction.

"I hope and trust the day will never come, and it must not come, when our lodges are relieved from all responsibility for relief to those of their brethren whom misfortune overtakes, by their contributions to Grand Lodge charitable activities.

"The first Masonic duty and responsibility of the Craft is to dispense charity. That duty falls first on the lodge, and only when a lodge is unable to meet and care for such demands upon it should Grand Lodge be appealed to.

"If every lodge could have a substantial fund for the relief of its members when there was need, it would be a happy day for the Craft.

"May our lodges never become mere clubs, with no other responsibility than social activities, for, if this should ever be, it would mean the disintegration of our institution.

"We are facing a future that is fraught with very serious possibilities for our relief activities, and unless lodges accept their responsibilities to their needy members (and not, without thought or care, pass them on to Grand Lodge), there will be a breakdown of our relief efforts."

The Secretary's Report shows total annual receipts of \$330,693.45. The items contributing were 50c per capita for general expenses, \$1.00 per capita for Masonic Home maintenance and \$1.00 per capita for Charity Foundation, or a total per capita contribution of \$2.50.

An interesting item in the Proceedings is the letter from R. W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, dated February 24th, 1931, and received by the Grand Secretary a short time before the passing of this distinguished Mason to the Grand Lodge above.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented a report recommending concurrence in a decision rendered by M. W. Bro. Havens at the previous Annual Communication. The gist of the ruling and report follows:

"Non-payment of an assessment levied by resolution, but not incorporated in the by-laws, subjects a defaulting member to the liability of charges after proper demand for payment has been refused, but unless and until charges are preferred, he remains a member in good standing. As such he is entitled to all the rights and prerogatives of the Fraternity, including a receipt for dues paid and the prescribed certificate of good standing."

Fraternal recognition was granted to the National Grand Lodge of Romania at Bucharest, of which M. W. Prince Bibesco is Grand Master and Bro. Erast Peretz is Grand Secretary. Likewise fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Lessing of the Three Rings, and exchange of Grand Representatives recommended.

The Committee on Masonic Bureau reported placing 1,242 in positions out of 3,225 applications. The brethren so assisted, in addition to those of New Jersey, hailed from thirty-one other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence comprises 195 pages of printed matter, and reviews Proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Lodges, being chiefly the work of M. W. Bro. Ernest A. Reed. Alberta receives very generous recognition, and special encomium is bestowed on the annual address of M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Middleton.

The omission of the Review of New Jersey cited was amended by its appearance in the 1931 Proceedings. We desire to assure our New Jersey correspondents that we have every desire to continue uninterrupted the Fraternal Correspondence as set out in these Reviews between their jurisdiction and ours.

Total membership, 97,080. Net gain, 923.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. Stanley Naughtright.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Isaac Cherry.

F.S.S.

NEW MEXICO

Fifty-third Annual Communication, Carlsbad, March 16th, 17th and 18th, 1931.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Victor L. Minter, after which the Flag was presented and "America" sung.

The Grand Master took a cheerful view of the situation. "Our Country, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave, has been

blessed with peace, and our own commonwealth has been the recipient of a larger measure of prosperity than many of our neighbour jurisdictions. We have been free from calamity and catastrophe involving life; and the material losses that have been ours were overcome in a large measure through reliance upon individual effort and perseverance which are so peculiarly characteristic of the citizenship of the state that so recently emerged from a pioneer territory. The reservoirs in the sky above have released their life-giving waters, and the earth has been refreshed; the fields give promise to blossom as the rose. New citizens are wending their way into our midst; the long revealed but little known storehouses of scenic and material wealth are opening old portals to a new vision, and our Jurisdiction may look into the future with renewed assurances of a firm reliance in ourselves and in the Nation that knows not defeat."

"Developments of consequence and major importance have not presented themselves to the Craft. In keeping with the very unusual economic conditions that have been trying to not only the Nation, but to the World at large, a policy of conservation has been directed toward financial affairs, and the strengthening of the bonds of fraternity of the age-old institution."

"Our numerical strength has registered a very satisfactory increase, whereas activities generally have been on the near-alarming stage of decline."

One cornerstone was laid during the year, that of the Eastern New Mexico Normal School at Portales.

The Grand Master ruled that a candidate who had lost his right thumb was not physically qualified to conform to the spirit of the ceremonies of the Fraternity. This decision was not approved by the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, who thought that the physical qualifications of an applicant should be left to the sound discretion of the constituent lodges. All other decisions were approved.

Only one lodge, in addition to his own lodge, had received a visit from the Grand Master during the year.

Considerable difficulty seems to be experienced in raising the quota of New Mexico for the George Washington Memorial Fund, and several plans were propounded for that purpose.

The total loans of the Student Loan Fund stand now at \$14,478.82, of which over fifty per cent are in arrears. In future, loans are to be made only to Masons and families of Masons, with membership in a New Mexico lodge as a requisite qualification.

Disbursements for Masonic Relief for the year amounted to \$6,238.50. Restrictions in this branch of Masonic activity are also to be made.

The Masonic Tuberculosis Relief Fund has a balance of \$12,179.46. In spite of being left to its own resources New Mexico is doing very commendable work for its afflicted brethren.

The Grand Master was happy to announce the recovery of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Alpheus A. Keen, from a serious illness contracted in 1930. Bro. Keen is almost a landmark to his brethren in New Mexico.

A most interesting account is given of a visit to the Carlsbad Caverns National Park, and of the ceremony held in the "King's Room,"

a magnificent natural hall in the Cavern. A photographic view of the Cavern is given.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that there were no cases requiring their investigation, and that peace and harmony had prevailed throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

A touch of the "Wild West" is seen in the report of one District Deputy Grand Master, that he was late in visiting the lodges in his district as "We have been covered up with work trying to run down bank robbers." We hope he caught them.

The Foreign Correspondent, John Milne, reviewed 47 Grand Jurisdictions, but did not venture outside of the United States. A great deal of information is given, but it is difficult reading as the type is small.

M. W. Bro. Wilbur L. Elser, State College, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

NEW SOUTH WALES Proceedings ending June, 1930.

This Grand Jurisdiction holds four quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge.

The statement of funds and investments of Grand Lodge of the 30th of April, 1930, shows approximately \$1,780,000.

During the year ending April 30th, 1930, there was disbursed by the Benevolent Fund for all its various purposes a little less than \$250,000.

In one of his communications to Grand Lodge, the Grand Master points out that "it is not in order to invite anyone but a member of our Order to the South on any pretext whatsoever", and draws the attention of the members to the fact that it is a Masonic offence to do this.

The Proceedings contain a very able and ample Review of Foreign Correspondence. The various topics of outstanding interest to the Fraternity throughout the world are dealt with under separate headings, in addition to which the Proceedings of the various lodges receive individual attention.

Lodges, 637. Membership, 71,095.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. His Excellency Lord Stonehaven, P.C., G.C.M.G.

Grand Secretary, David Cunningham.

E.T.B.

NEW YORK 1930

The One Hundred and Forty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was opened in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, City of New York, on May 6th, 1930.

M. W. Bro. John A Dutton, Grand Master, presided. Grand Representatives of seventy-nine other Grand Jurisdictions were in attend-

ance, Alberta's representative, R. W. Bro. Arthur Jones, being among those present.

The invocation of R. W. Bro. Dr. S. Parks Cadman, Grand Chaplain, was an inspiring introduction to the labors of Grand Lodge. We quote:

"We say, O Lord God, for all our Brethren here, for their interests, their homes, those they love, let the shade of Thy hand cover all. Abolish among us race prejudice and the things which separate men from their brother men, so that Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, bond and free, those who have and those who have not, may yet feel that the things which last are common possessions, they are the property Thou has given to us as Thine own endowment of every soul Thou hast created, and, therefore, light in us afresh during the deliberations of this Thy assembly those holy fires which cannot die and which shall burn up the dross of base desire and purify our hearts until what is best in our Masonic spiritual architecture shall be incarnate in our lives as men and as citizens."

R. W. Bro. William S. Snyder, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and M. W. Bro. Donald J. Sargent, Grand Master of New Jersey, were in attendance.

At the commencement of his Annual Address the Grand Master made special reference to the loss sustained by Grand Lodge through the death of M. W. Bro. John W. Vrooman, Senior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, who had spent sixty-four years of devoted service to Masonry. Another Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William S. Farmer, had, during the year, passed to his reward, and received a glowing tribute from M. W. Bro. Dutton. Special reference was also made by the Grand Master to the passing of R. W. Bro. Right Rev. Herbert Shipman, D.D., Grand Chaplain and Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of New York, who had had a distinguished career in the Church and in the Masonic Craft.

The Grand Master's address made pronouncement on a number of important matters. Referring to the matter of holding public installations of the officers of lodges, he says:

"In my judgement this is not in keeping with the traditions and practice of our Fraternity nor with the character thereof. The officers of a lodge perform their official work behind tiled doors, except when conducting funeral services. The instructions which the officers receive upon their installations are peculiar to their official duties and do not concern, and should have no interest for, those outside of the Fraternity. The ceremony of installation should be conducted in a serious, impressive and dignified manner, and in the presence of those only who will be permitted to witness the work of the officers after their installations."

The Grand Lodge of New York, according to the Grand Master, recognizes as Masonic only four organizations other than Craft Masonry, namely: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern and Southern Masonic Jurisdictions. Of these organizations the Grand Master says:

"These organizations are of long standing and are permanently attached to our Masonry. They include in their memberships many of our best brethren and have been conspicuous in their charitable and benevolent activities.

"We trust that the attachment of the brethren to these associate bodies does not detract from their interest in Symbolic Masonry. So long as this is so Symbolic Masonry is helped rather than harmed. We rely upon the loyalty of the brethren to see that this condition prevails.

"Besides these recognized bodies, there is a large number of organizations claiming connection with Masonry. With most of them the claim is based upon the fact that membership therein is predicated upon membership in our Fraternity or on blood or family relationship to our members. These organizations are, in common parlance, almost too numerous to mention, and an enumeration of them now would probably be incomplete another year, for, like mushrooms, they spring up overnight.

"They may be divided into two classes, First, those who require that their members shall all be Masons; Second, those whose members are both Masons and Non-Masons, and those who have no Masons in their membership."

After discussing the relation of these bodies to Craft Masonry, the Grand Master expresses the following opinion:

"In my judgement the existence of these organizations composed wholly or partly of Masons and some of them with no Masons as members, weaken Craft Masonry, and that if we are to preserve Masonry in its purity, integrity and supremacy serious consideration must be given to them."

In the matter of the size of lodges, we quote Grand Master Dutton:

"I am satisfied that Masonry would be strengthened if lodge membership was limited to a reasonably small number. If this theory is sound, its practical application presents problems. To split up our large lodges would involve difficulty and create much dissatisfaction. The result could be accomplished, however, by limiting the number which a lodge could take in by initiation and affiliation in any one year. If this number were judiciously fixed, it would be less than the normal losses which the larger lodges would suffer through deaths, withdrawals and unaffiliations, with a resulting gradual net loss each year until the common level was reached. Such lodges would have a waiting list, a most desirable condition. Men are much more anxious to join an organization if they have to wait to get in than they are if they are solicited, openly or covertly, and then rushed in. With a waiting list a lodge will be more cautious and circumspect about the character and fitness of those whom it takes in."

In the matter of Lodge Finances the following statement of the Grand Master is worthy of careful consideration in every jurisdiction:

"Sound finance requires that initiation fees be not used to meet any of the running expenses of a lodge. A budget system should be adopted, setting forth on the one side the estimated operating expenses of the lodge for the year. If the dues, with any regular sources of income, are insufficient to balance the total of these expenses, the dues should be raised sufficiently to meet the difference. This will leave the initiation fees to meet extraordinary and unexpected calls, and in most years leave something to be added to the surplus or capital of the lodge."

We learn that in New York there are three hundred and ninety-three Temples, either owned by Masonic lodges or in which the lodges or their members have a partial ownership. After a survey of the situation the Grand Master expressed the view that there was no

need for Grand Lodge to take supervisory powers of lodges in respect to building Masonic Temples, except to give advice where it might be sought. Grand Master Dutton believes that interference with the funds and finances of constituent lodges should not be encouraged except where necessary for the good of the lodges themselves.

We certainly commend the concluding words of the address:

"As Masons we subscribe to certain principles and rules of conduct which form a code of the highest morals and ethics. They are not confined to our esoteric instruction, and the most of them are known to the world at large which judges us thereby.

"Are we living up to the high ideals which we proclaim and by which we are judged? If we are and we continue to do so, then will Masonry be respected; if we are not, we shall call down upon ourselves the condemnation of society.

"The result depends upon the individual lives of those who compose our membership. While lodges and Grand lodge can do much to keep the mass pure by strict examination of those who seek to enter, and likewise by sternly disciplining those within who conduct themselves in a manner to bring reproach upon the Fraternity and who turn a deaf ear to words of wise counsel, yet each individual must live his own life. It develops upon him to shape his conduct to square with the obligations which he has assumed."

The Report of the Committee on Grand Master Dutton's Address was highly appreciative, and we heartily concur in every opinion and sentiment therein expressed. The address was a master-piece in exposition of Masonic principles.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence concurred in the recommendation of the Grand Master that:

"Lodges and Brethren located in Syria and the Lebanon, and belonging to this Jurisdiction be and hereby are granted the right to engage in Masonic intercourse and exchange visits with lodges and brethren in that territory belonging to other Grand Lodges whether in formal relationship with us or otherwise, provided always that our members shall not be permitted to visit any lodge, not requiring a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe by whatever name He is called in the religion of its members and no Mason belonging to any such lodge shall be admitted to any of our lodges unless and until he shall have openly expressed to the lodges his personal belief in God, by the name He is called in the brother's religion."

Grand Historian, R. W. Bro. Ossian Lang, presented a very interesting paper on the formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Board of General Activities presented a very instructive report. The concluding paragraph is worthy of quoting as a very able characterization of the ideal or 100 per cent lodge:

"In the very nature of things such a lodge (100% lodge) would be necessarily many-sided, touching the nature of its members at every point, able to satisfy all their Masonic needs. It would have a competent official staff; its treasury would be perpetually solvent; its books would delight the eye of a Certified Public Accountant; its membership would live and work in a harmony where friendship would thrive and good fellowship would flourish; its rooms would be appropriately furnished and decorated, arranged for convenience and equipped effectually; its ritualistic work would bring joy to the Grand Lecturer; its charities would overlook no brother in sickness or distress;

throughout the year its communications would be as various in their appeal as dignified in their conduct; the Masonic mind, the Masonic conscience, the Masonic heart would find satisfaction in such a lodge which would, as a unit, stand in its community as an exemplification of what Freemasonry is intended to mean in the lives of its votaries. It is surely some such lodge as this that lives in your own vision and inspires you to your work; the kind of lodge you want your lodges to be. It is the same vision that ever shines before us as daily we lay our plans and undertake to carry on our work, however feeble and poor our efforts may be. To be of help to you in realizing your lodge ideal—that is our ideal and we try not to forget how many-sided is that ideal, how multifarious, how various, are your wants and needs.”

The Report on Foreign Correspondence for 1930 reviews the Proceedings for the year 1929 of forty-nine American Jurisdictions, nine Canadian Jurisdictions, eleven Jurisdictions in the Latin Americas, seven in Australasia, three in Great Britain and Ireland, twenty-seven Jurisdictions on the Continent of Europe, District Grand Lodge in Northern China, Egypt in Africa. This report is in itself an encyclopedia of Masonic knowledge and an annual record of Masonic activities throughout the world. It is unequalled in its breadth of view and sympathetic interpretation of Masonic relationships and the reviewer considers himself fortunate to have this source of inspiration and education available to him.

Total membership, 346,413. Net gain, 2,713.

M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Robert J. Kenworthy, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

NEW YORK

1931

The One Hundred and Fiftieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was opened in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, City of New York, on May 5th, 1931.

M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, Grand Master, presided, and Grand Representatives of ninety other Grand Jurisdictions, representing world-wide nations, were in attendance. The opening Invocation was made by Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. S. Parkes Cadman, D.D.

The Grand Lodge was visited on this 150th anniversary by distinguished representatives from the British Isles, the Continent of Europe, and the Dominion of Canada. Those present from the British Isles and Canada were as follows: R. W. Bro. Thomas G. Winning, Grand Secretary of Scotland; R. W. Henry G. Shellard, Grand Secretary of Ireland, and V.W. E. H. Burne, Past Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Lodge of Ireland; M. W. R. B. Dargavel, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada, Province of Ontario; R. W. Wm. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Canada; M. W. W. M. Couper, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Grand Master commenced his Annual Address with an appreciative reference to the accomplishments of Masonry in the Jurisdiction of New York during the past one hundred and fifty years, and expressed the belief that Freemasonry has been a conserving, stabilizing and uni-

fying force in the commonwealth. He then delivered an appreciative tribute to the character and Masonic labors of M. W. Bro. Frederick G. Lemmerman, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of New York, who had been called by the great Architect of the Universe on September 30th, 1930.

Appreciative reference was also made to the sudden death, on March 10th, 1931, of R. W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, Past Grand Warden and President of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England, and mentioned that R. W. Bro. Robbins' death came on the eve of his intended visit to attend this Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York and assist in commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its founding. We quote the following simple but expressive words of the Grand Master:

"A mighty oak has fallen. A friend has gone out from among us, who will not return. We shall not see his like again."

"Truly, a Hiram has been called to his reward. He was a builder indeed."

In addition to dispensations granted for the formation of five new lodges throughout the State, peculiar interest attached to two other dispensations, one granted for the establishment of El Ber Downie Lodge at Zahleh, Lebanon, and the other for the establishment of The American Lodge of Research for purposes of Masonic study and research.

In the year under review by the Grand Master it appears that the lodges in his jurisdiction spent for relief alone amounts aggregating \$600,000. The total expenditure by Freemasonry in New York State for charitable relief reached the sum of \$1,279,500.

For the first time in forty years the Grand Master had to report a loss in membership which numbered 427, notwithstanding there were 8,500 new members through initiation. In discussing this matter the Grand Master said:

"Before placing the entire blame upon the financial depression it might be well to ascertain whether the lodge itself is not at fault in failing to provide the Masonic education which would keep alive the interest that once animated these, our Masonic departed brethren. With the absence of full trestleboards, each Master is now presented with an opportunity to utilize lodge evenings for Masonic and social work. Never should he lose sight of the fact that the chief purpose of the organization is not merely to get more men into Masonry, but rather to get more Masonry into men."

Bearing on this question of membership we find the following cogent enquiry:

"In addition to the above, we must follow our membership with greater solicitude. In this country there are probably more removals of members from one part of the State or country to another than is found in English or Continental countries. Are we not at fault if we simply endure this condition and do nothing to attempt at least to salvage our brethren who leave the immediate vicinity of their Mother Lodge?"

Referring to Masonic education, the Grand Master says it is necessary for us to think in terms of modern and changed conditions that confront us in the world today. We cannot close our eyes to the fact that we are facing social and economic conditions unknown to our Masonic forebears. The Grand Master considers instruction in the

Art of the Craft is one of the primary steps to be taken in meeting these new conditions.

Under the title "Foreign Relations" the Grand Master says:

"I desire particularly to call your attention to that part of the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge which deals with Foreign Jurisdictions. It is a tremendous task to compile this review. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, I am pleased to state, is widely read and appreciated outside of our own Jurisdiction. I urge you to study it, for by so doing you will obtain a perspective of world-wide Freemasonry that will prove educational and inspirational. Each of our foreign associates shows its own peculiar national trend, as we do ours, but we will find also a universal strain common to all. A study of what is told of the extensive and intensive charity work carried on by even very small Masonic groups will reveal that the heart of Freemasonry is everywhere sound."

We feel constrained to quote from the Grand Master's concluding peroration the following superb expression of "The Meaning of Masonry":

"And now on this 150th Anniversary of our founding as a Grand Lodge, and concluding the Grand Master's Annual Address, it is fitting that we should re-state to ourselves and state to the world the principles for which we stand.

"On this Sesquicentennial we declare to the world that as a body of Freemasons we stand for loyalty and devotion to the Government of the United States of America. This Government, in the inception, establishment and development of which our Masonic forebears and so important a part, is ours to support and defend. We believe in the American ideal of education for all the children of all the people freedom of religious worship, and of the open door of opportunity. We declare to all that the Masonic Fraternity is American to the core, and that we consecrate all our strength, individual and collective, to the maintenance and furtherance of the beneficent influence and power of the Government under whose shelter we or our ancestors have found a place of refuge and habitation.

"We declare our belief in the existence of one ever-living and true God. We believe in the beneficent power of religion. We assert to all who would take God from the throne of the Universe that as a Fraternity we are founded upon this immutable fundamental of faith in a Power above us that makes for righteousness, and that individually and collectively we will oppose all efforts to make of this a Godless world. We believe that every revelation of science declares more conclusively the existence of a Great Architect of the Universe. Without regard to denomination or sectarian differences, we stand united as a group of believers in God and Father Almighty, the maker of Heaven and Earth.

"Because of this belief in God we also declare our belief that all men are the children of God, and that the finest expression of religious belief is found in the command that 'thou shalt love the Lord thy God and thy neighbor as thyself.' The developments brought about by modern discoveries have made the whole world a neighborhood, and therefore we declare for peace and love among men. We plead for more fraternalism in industry, for more fraternalism in religion, and for more fraternalism in the relation of nations to one another.

"We believe Freemasonry has a task to perform, as told by our own Grand Chaplain, Dr. S. Parks Cadman, in a radio message:

" 'It makes for the consolidation of society.'

" 'It believes in God's Fatherhood and man's Brotherhood.'

" 'It relieves want and distress.'

" 'It conquers national and racial barriers.'

" 'It teaches loyalty to Country, Church and Religion.'

" 'It upholds established morals and presents a fine example of democracy combining personal freedom with submission to recognized authority'."

The Right Honorable Lord Amptill in his address to the Grand Lodge of New York, pointed out the value of tradition in Freemasonry in these words:

"Tradition is the accumulated and inherited wisdom of those who have gone before, and the tendency with modern progress is to lose sight of tradition. We are one of those institutions, we Freemasons, which preserve tradition, and it is in that way, as well as in others, that we are rendering service to our fellow countrymen in whatever country we may be."

M. W. Bro. Samuel Nelson Sawyer, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in introducing his Report made the following illuminating remarks:

"In submitting herewith its Annual Report the Committee on Foreign Correspondence begs leave once more to call attention to the practical, as well as to the inspirational value of the reviews contained therein. Past, present and prospective Masters of lodges may discover that many of the problems which trouble them have been solved elsewhere in a manner that will be found to apply in their own lodges as well.

"Aside from the practical purpose there is the larger stimulating opportunity of getting through the reviews a broader conception of the meaning of Freemasonry and the great work it is doing in various parts of the world.

"Each Grand Lodge has its own individuality more or less clearly expressed in its acts and by its official spokesmen. Yet largely speaking there is an American way of doing things, a Canadian way, an Australian way, an English way, a Scottish way, an Irish way, a Spanish way, a German way, a Scandinavian way, and so on. Looking still further in the reviews the eye of the Mason will notice that there is a *universal* aspect which makes the whole appear as a great mosaic in which all parts are cemented together as if one great design.

"All it means to see things right, is to keep the mind open for all that reflects the unity in variety."

M. W. Bro. Ossian Lang, Grand Historian, presented, this year, a Report on the "Fifteenth Century Masons' Statutes in the Holy Roman Empire," including what is known as "The Ratisen-Strassburg Code," and the "Constitution of the Zwickau Stonemasons of the year 1462."

A very interesting part of the printed Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1931 consists in a very full report of the Sesquicentennial of the Grand Lodge, being the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of New York. The arrangements for this celebration were in the hands of a Jubilee Committee headed by M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, Grand Master. Copies of the official invitation by Grand

Lodge to the Grand Lodges; the invitation to the Jubilee Banquet held in Hotel Astor on May 5th, 1931; the order of service in the Commemoration Services held in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, on Sunday, May 3rd, when the sermon was delivered by Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, D.D., Grand Chaplain; the Programme for the Jubilee Banquet, at which the speakers were M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, Grand Master; The Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master, England; The Rt. Hon. Lord Wraxall, Provincial Grand Master for Bristol; V. W. C. R. I. Nicholl, Grand Director of Ceremonies, England; M. W. Bro. Herbert W. Dean, Grand Master, Massachusetts; Hon. Bainbridge Colby, Hon. John W. Davis, Hon. Frederick E. Crane, Hon. S. Nelson Sawyer, Past Grand Master, New York; Hon. Townsend Scudder, Past Grand Master, New York, are included in this report in which also are published a brief memorandum by the Grand Master entitled "What Grand Lodge Is" and a further memorandum by Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. C. C. Mollenhauer, entitled "Scrolls of History," and an historical sketch entitled "How the Grand Lodge of 1781 was Formed," all of which are very interesting both from the historical and inspirational standpoints.

There is also published verbatim the addresses of the speakers at the Jubilee Banquet, which constitute a rare intellectual Masonic treat.

This part of the Proceedings is embellished by portraits of M. W. Grand Master Johnson, the Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England; R. W. Bro. C. C. Mollenhauer, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Bros. Owens and Hellings, Grand Wardens; M. W. Bro. Kenworthy, Grand Secretary, and R. W. Bro. McCrum, Grand Treasurer.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence constitutes a volume in itself comprising 182 pages of printed matter, concerning which we can only repeat our observations in our Review of the Proceedings for 1930.

Total membership, 345,926. Decrease, 427.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Frederick J. Milligan.

F.S.S.

NEW ZEALAND

Proceedings for the year 1930-31.

During the past year Grand Lodge granted in benevolence about \$36,000.

Grand Lodge entered into fraternal relations with:

National Grand Lodge of Czecho-Slovakia (at Prague).

Grand Lodge of Jugo-Slavia (Belgrade).

Grand Lodge of Vienna (Austria).

National Grand Lodge of Roumania.

National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France.

It is interesting to note the the income of Grand Lodge was free from income tax "for the reason that it had undertaken that the whole of its revenue over and above that required for its expenses of government should be used for the purpose of benevolence and charity."

The total receipts of the four Benevolent Funds of Grand Lodge amounted to over 100,000, their total expenditure nearly \$70,000,

A new Masonic Home for boys was opened that year and three new Masonic Temples were erected.

The Grand Master dealing with Masonic enterprise says in part:

"No claim of fraternal enterprise is more conducive to stability than that which seeks to provide suitable education for the young or opportunities for the exercise of the particular talents or accomplishments of those of more mature age."

We note the following from the summary of instructions issued by the Board of General Purposes:

"The Board suggests to lodges that candidates for admission into the Craft should, if they have not already done so, be asked to make satisfactory provision for their dependents, either by Life Insurance or through some Provident Society, etc."

"When wearing evening dress the belt is worn under the coat, but on all other occasions, including the wearing of a dinner jacket, the apron should be worn with the belt outside the coat. The apron should indicate the rank of the wearer. A Master Mason should not sit in lodge in the third degree wearing a E. A. or F. C. apron."

"The Board is of opinion that the wearing of Masonic clothing and regalia, both at religious services in churches and at places of entertainment, etc., when ladies and others who are not Masons are present, should not take place. It is not desired to discourage the meeting of brethren, either for religious worship or on occasions of their extending hospitality to those who are not members of the Order, but it is desired to check the exhibition in public of regalia intended to be worn only in private during the performance of Masonic Rites and Ceremonies."

"As a general principle the admission of ladies to Lodge Rooms is discountenanced, and lodges are urged to adopt and follow this principle wherever other accommodation is available."

Number of lodges, 300. Membership, 27,301. Net Increase, 42.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Lord Bledisloe.

Grand Secretary, Colonel George Barclay, Wellington, New Zealand.

E.T.B.

NORTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Communication of North Carolina Masons was held in Raleigh, January 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1931, M. W. Bro. E. W. Timberlake as Grand Master.

Apparently down there they penalize lodges for failing to make returns or pay per capita on time, as it is noted that over 25 per cent of the lodges are listed as not entitled to representation in Grand Lodge.

The dominant thought with the Grand Master during his year was expressed in his address as a desire to bring Grand Lodge to the subordinate lodges, but better still he would prefer that every Master Mason could attend Grand Lodge in person. Attempting to implement his idea, he made very many visitations. As titular head of the Craft in his own jurisdiction undoubtedly the great mission of the

Grand Master between sessions of Grand Lodge is just that of carrying Grand Lodge to the rank and file. It might be contended that it ought to be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Master, and perhaps it should, but unfortunately the vicious principle which so often seems to dominate the selection of those brethren for the office results in the election of someone because it is his "turn," and not his fitness.

Interesting decisions which met with approval—A U.S. Marine made a Mason in Haiti desired to affiliate in North Carolina. There was no recognition between the jurisdictions. Ruled that he may petition on his dimit in the usual manner and if elected must be re-obligated in the several degrees.

A Mason expelled from a lodge now defunct must apply direct to Grand Lodge for restoration. If successful the Grand Secretary would then issue a certificate upon which he could apply to the lodge of his choice.

North Carolina "jacks up" its lodges who fail to be represented in Grand Lodge for three consecutive years by arresting their charters. Four such were arrested and later restored by the Grand Master when amply assured that they would "go and sin no more." This is a phase of the condition of Masonry which received attention in Alberta for the first time in 1931. How can any lodge be a successful integral part, helping to carry out well laid programs, when they fail to keep in touch with the central organization? Attendance at Grand Lodge means more than just a holiday and good time. Representatives at Grand Lodge are the ones we expect "to carry the message to Garcia."

Several lodges were unable to pay their per capita when due because the bank in which their funds were held had closed. Grand Lodge observed the spirit rather than the letter when they forgave them the penalties for failure to pay on time.

The Oxford Orphanage and the Home continue to receive the interest and support of the Craft at large. Appropriation for maintenance were made at \$50,000 and \$15,000 respectively. The cost per year per guest was \$375.29 for the children and \$416.80 for the old folks. Owing to the accumulation of applications for admission to the Home, through the institution being already crowded, a policy has been adopted of a home maintenance allowance of \$180.00 per year to enable these people to remain among their friends.

Recommendations of the Grand Master which will lie over for one year are those proposing the change of date of annual sessions, the change of lodge years to end with installation on St. John the Evangelist anniversary rather than in June, together with the necessary constitutional changes regarding reports and returns.

Directors of the Masonic Education Loan Fund found that owing to the depression it was necessary to discontinue the annual appropriation for the present. About \$85,000 has been used during the past nine years, permitting many students to complete their education, who otherwise would have found it necessary to leave college.

Quite a rumpus was stirred up in Grand Lodge because a fund of over \$99,000 had been allowed to accumulate on deposit in trust in the names of certain members of Grand Lodge. This money represented re-payment of mortgage notes used in financing the Masonic Temple home of Grand Grand Lodge many years ago and was being held in reserve. One has never yet been able to learn why a corporate body like Grand Lodge should not at all times be able to carry on all its

business in its own name. It is not a question of lack of confidence in the integrity of any one, it is just straight business.

On the recommendation of the Foreign Correspondent, Brother J. Edward Allen, recognition was extended and exchange of representatives invited with the nine Grand Lodges of Germany. The usual excellent volume of reviews by this brother perhaps sets the standard for all correspondents. He finds much to quote from the address of M. W. Bro. Middleton, taking particular liking to his reference to the "Noah's Doves" who have left us. The versatility of Bro. Allen may be illustrated by the fact that apparently he translates certain foreign language Proceedings for his reviews, while we find a tabulation in fourteen languages including Esperanto of the conditions upon which North Carolina may recognize other jurisdictions.

In his foreword to the reviews, attention is drawn to the fact that 1930 was the first year in the modern Masonic history of the United States in which there was a net loss of membership for the year. The number was 3,480. This is not cause for panic, he points out, but rather a challenge to activity, a demand for introspection, a warning that past mistakes shall not be repeated. As a constructive suggestion he writes: "The unanimous opinion of American Masonry is that greater attention must be given to problems of Masonic education. We are undoubtedly coming to know more about what Masonic education is, and is not, than we used to know. We know for instance that it should be centered largely around the young Mason. To our mind there is nothing mystifying about the phrase 'Masonic Education;' we have been attempting Masonic Education since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary; only we used to confine it to what we called the 'catechism'. It only remains to strike a happy medium between a cold catechism of rote memory on the one hand, and a lot of high flown stuff under the grandiloquent description of 'Masonic Speakers' on the other hand and we have solved the problem."

Many of this brother's reviews were written last year, he tells us, as he sped across the breadth of Canada on his way to Alaska. His praise and appreciation of mighty Mount Robson would suggest to us that he stopped off in Jasper Park. What a pity such an eminent Masonic scholar was permitted to silently slip through our midst, when so many of us would have been delighted to have shaken him by the hand.

Membership, 29,466. Loss, 841.

M. W. Grand Master, John W. Winborne. R. W. Grand Secretary, J. H. Anderson.

V.H.M.

NORTH DAKOTA

Forty-second Annual Communication. Fargo, June 16th and 17th, 1931.

The Communication was opened by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Charles H. Starke.

Among the distinguished visitors presented was the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, who carries the imposing title of "General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America."

Two brethren who participated in the formation of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, at Mitchell, Dakota Territory, in June, 1889, were present, Past Grand Master James McDonald and W. Bro. and former Governor Louis B. Hanna, who was the first Grand Tyler. These brethren were presented at the altar, welcomed by the Grand Master, escorted to the East and given the Grand Honors of Masonry.

Eleven fifty year Masons who were present were escorted to the East and given the Grand Honors.

"Masonry in North Dakota has been building for more than ten years a firm foundation on service and education, and we are now seeing something of its value. This year with less 'work' to do, the brethren found time to learn more about Masonry. Masonry has become a more important factor in the lives of its members, because they have learned something of its ideals and purposes. This year has been well spent in an effort to assimilate the great numbers of new members taken in during recent years. The numerous suspensions of last year are merely an elimination of those we could not assimilate, and no cause of worry. Our strength does not lie in numbers, but in a well organized body of good men, thinking alike on all great moral and social problems. And that means Education, Masonic Education, so that every Mason may know the great fundamental truths and ideals of Freemasonry, and knowing them, they shall become a force in his life and conduct."

One corner stone was laid, that of Watson Hall, Jamestown College.

Apparently there were several suspensions of members who had been convicted of a crime, in most cases for violation of the liquor laws. The Grand Master speaks in no uncertain tone on this subject:

"The situation in regard to the 18th amendment throughout the nation has come to the point where it would appear that there is a conspiracy among many of our people to disobey the law themselves, and to advocate and encourage its disobedience by others. This is rebellion. Whenever a body refuse to obey the law of the land, it is as truly rebellion as though they took up arms against it. This attitude upon the part of many of our people leads to disrespect of all law, and tends towards anarchy."

"Brethren, Masonry stands squarely for the upholding of the duly constituted powers in the enforcement of all laws, including the eighteenth amendment."

From an address delivered by the Grand Master we see that he believes Masons must for the good of the Order (1) guard the West Gate better; (2) see that Masons have a more general knowledge of the History and teachings of the Order; and (3) have better lodge financing. He does not look to see Masonry increase in numbers—its strength does not lie in that direction, but in its ability to hold together a great body of men, through education and truth, who know its great purposes, and are willing to give of their time and substance, whole heartedly, to advance those purposes.

North Dakota is a supporter of the Masonic Service Association. It has paid \$1.38 per capita to the George Washington Memorial Fund.

The Grand Master has been in favor for some time of a revision of the Ritual. He has advocated that the penalties should be changed, that some claims to a very ancient history should be eliminated, and that for the middle chamber lecture there be substituted a lecture on citizenship from "the ancient charges" concerning "the civil magistrate supreme and subordinate." The Report, however, of the Custodians

of the Work points out that probably the thing that appeals to most men in the Ritual is its antiquity. There is an aroma of the past in its language and diction. One cannot rewrite Shakespeare, nor can one rewrite the Ritual. The purpose of Preston's Middle Chamber Lecture was not so much to present scientific, mathematical accuracy, but to direct the attention of the Craftsman to his need of knowledge and education, and give him a bird's-eye view of the then known field of knowledge. The Custodians thought it would be destructive to remove that lecture from the work.

Apparently it is difficult to fit the "Flag Ceremony" into the Ritual, as objections to the present form appear in many Reports. The complaint in North Dakota is that the Flag is introduced, and then left hanging on the wall for the janitor to remove.

The General Fund shows a balance of \$10,566.18.

The sum of \$3,419.33 was spent in relief:

The Grand Secretary's Report showed a net loss in membership of 114. This is almost accounted for by the suspensions in six lodges. The Grand Secretary is of the opinion that the slowing down in suspensions for N.P.D. indicates that the so-called housecleaning is pretty well done, and that the lifting of the financial clouds will see them again basking in the sunshine of real Masonic light. He holds that the Grand Lodge law governing suspensions should be strictly adhered to.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro Panama, and to four German Grand Lodges.

Plural membership with restrictions was adopted.

Fraternal Correspondent Walter H. Murfin reviewed sixty-two Grand Jurisdictions, and we will only say that he made a very good job of it. It is one of the best that comes to us. We like his comments and kindly criticism. Alberta is fully noted.

M. W. Bro. Charles D. Milloy, Williston, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

NOVA SCOTIA

1930

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Halifax, commencing on 11th June, 1930.

A distinguished visitor, in the person of M. W. Bro. John A. Rowland, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was cordially welcomed to this communication.

The Grand Master's address indicates a busy year of office and he goes into some detail in his account of the District Meetings, and he stresses the necessity of having special features at these meetings for the instruction and entertainment of the brethren.

This is a timely suggestion as there is a tendency to convert District Meetings into gatherings for entertainment only.

A contract has been entered into for an extension of the Nova Scotia Free Masons Home involving an expenditure of \$54,000.00. We congratulate our brethren by the sea, on their practical exposition of one of the outstanding characteristics of our fraternity "in a manner becoming to the dignity, and in keeping with the purpose of Freemasonry."

The Grand Master's rulings are either of local interest or are on constitutional questions excepting one of some interest.

"Question—Is it in order for the W. M. to order and have the Great Lights closed while changing Lodge from Third to First or Second degree, or do the Lights remain open on the Third until Lodge is ready to be opened on First or Second?"

"Answer—The so-called changing of a lodge is either for the purpose of conferring degrees or conducting an examination of a Candidate. At the proper time, 'high twelve', the W. M. orders the J. W. to call the Craft from Labour to Refreshment, for the purpose of opening a Lodge of Entered Apprentices or Fellowcrafts, as the case may be. This having been done the W. M. instructs the S. D. to disarrange the Great Lights, (not close them), and then declares his Lodge 'at refreshment.' The Lodge, Mechanics, No. 78, or whatever Lodge it may be, is not closed, because if it were, it could not be opened again until its next Regular communication or an Emergent communication properly called. While 'at refreshment,' the W. M. opens a Lodge of Entered Apprentices or Fellowcrafts as the occasion may require, at the proper time ordering the S. D. to 'arrange the Great Lights' for that degree. The work of conferring the degree or examining the Candidates having been finished, the W. M. closes the Lodge of Entered Apprentices or Fellowcrafts, at the proper time ordering the S. D. to 'disarrange' the Great Lights. The Lodge of Entered Apprentices or Fellowcrafts then being declared closed the Lodge is again 'at refreshment'. It is then 'called on again' by the J. W. on an order from the W. M. The W. M. then orders the S. D. to 'arrange' the Great Lights and declares Labour resumed on the Third degree."

R. W. Bro. Harris whose work as Grand Historian has been noticed in the past is to the fore again with a report indicating progress and hard work.

We are glad to notice that Grand Lodge, under the heading "Lotteries," places itself on record as opposed to such unlawful features at fairs, whether under the direct auspices of lodges or otherwise.

A committee appointed to consider a "definition and enumeration of the Ancient Landmarks" with much wisdom reports inter alia that "it is not within their power or ability to undertake to define and enumerate the Ancient Landmarks of the Order other than those already in use namely, the 25 landmarks as defined by Dr. Mackey."

The committee makes recommendations for the immediate instruction of candidates in "the landmarks."

We notice that Alberta's Grand Representative was not present.

There is an excellent report on Fraternal Correspondence in which Alberta receives honourable mention.

Number of lodges, 81. Membership, 9,958. Gain, 56.

G. M. B.

NOVA SCOTIA 1931

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia convened at Halifax, on June 10th, 1931, M. W. Bro. Martin Luther Fraser presiding.

A Special Communication was held at Stellarton, on Friday 15th May, 1931, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late M. W. Bro. H. T. Begg, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

The Grand Master's address contains a comprehensive report of the District Meetings and of his official visitations indicating a busy and an eventful year in Nova Scotia.

The Grand Master took occasion during his last year of office of writing to all lodges in the jurisdiction warning them that conducting lotteries is illegal and a violation of the constitution.

He also wrote to the lodges warning them to be careful to observe all proper formalities in the initiation and conduct of Masonic trials. His concluding remarks are worthy of repetition:

"We are living in trying times, not alone in this country, but in many others. However, there is every indication that there is a great revival of interest in Freemasonry throughout the land. It is well that this is so, for Freemasonry has a great work to do in these days of doubt and trial. Apparently the forces of evil that would destroy that which is good are hard at work both openly and insidiously. Atheism 'the ferocious system that leaves nothing above us to excite awe, nor around us to awaken tenderness,' is becoming a menace to the well-being of even our own country. Other 'isms' of similar character are attempting to wreck institutions which were established at great cost and have stood the test of ages. The votaries of Freemasonry, an institution which itself has stood the test of time, to the number of tens of thousands in almost every land whose first prerequisite for membership in that Order was an openly expressed belief in the Divine Architect of the Universe, and who are charged to respect constituted law and authority, must hold fast to their ideals and to their 'beautiful system of morality.' Freemasonry is on the side of the angles, its objectives are Light and Order as opposed to Darkness and Chaos, to which these various 'isms' must eventually lead. We who are members of it must convince mankind of the goodness of our institution, not by vain show and display, not by the carrying of the emblems of our profession on the radiators of our automobiles, but by amiable, discreet and virtuous conduct. Thus we shall do our part for Right against Wrong, replace Despair with Hope and where there is Misery bring Happiness."

Might we add that all the "isms" of which he speaks might well be grouped under the generic term of "Modernism" of which we hear so much and which no one has yet attempted to define in such a manner as will permit us to introduce it into our lodges.

Several interesting decisions appear including one dealing with residence qualifications. An applicant, born in Nova Scotia, has been employed elsewhere, returned home for a short time, is leaving again shortly and does not know what his future movements will be. The Grand Master has ruled that the lodge in his home town can properly receive his application for membership. We wonder if the Grand Master has confused

the terms "residence" and "domicile" or if he, in a generous mood, has merged them into the term "residence." After all, residence has a vital bearing on an application for initiation for obvious reasons and we can see some danger in the precedent set up by the Grand Master.

There are 81 chartered lodges with one under dispensation, total membership of 9,973, showing a net gain of 1.

The report of the Grand Historian of Nova Scotia again calls for congratulations.

R. W. Bro. Harris is pointing out the way to others and it is surprising that more work is not being done along the same lines in other jurisdictions.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence includes a review of Alberta's Proceedings in which the reporter quotes extensively from the striking address of the Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Canon Middleton.

G.M.B.

OHIO

One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Communication held at Springfield, October 21st, and 22nd, 1931.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Harry C. Gram, Grand Master. Alberta was represented by Bro. John P. McCune.

In his opening remarks the Grand Master uses a truism which suffers nothing by repetition:

"The eternal truths taught by Masonry, if lived generally by those capable of understanding their value, could, and would, revolutionize the thought and action of people from the small community to the greatest nation. Unfortunately, those truths only become potent for the well-being of mankind as they are lived in the lives of men. In these times of stress and strain, poverty and perplexity, distress and distraction, it is certainly most essential that Masons everywhere should not only pattern their own lives according to our teachings, but also they should become militant disciples in the promulgation of those teachings for the benefit of their fellow man. I submit that we as a people are no more secure in our vaunted glory of the riches of our resources and institutions than were Rome, Greece, and their sister nations, which fell from their position of power and eminence because of disregard for the eternal verities."

The Grand Master seems to favor less restriction in the use of Lodge Rooms and Temples for functions tending to improve the moral tone of our communities. He also appeals to his Grand Lodge to take greater interest in the present thirst for Masonic Education.

Here is an important decision:

"Has a lodge the right or authority to circularize the lodges of this jurisdiction concerning any legislation pending before the Grand Lodge?"

"No. Such an action is subversive of the rights and prerogatives of the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Master, while praising the work of the undoubtedly fine Masonic Homes in his jurisdiction pays unconscious tribute to our method in Alberta, when he says: "I feel that it would be wiser from

an economic and humanitarian standpoint if the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home would employ a competent social worker, under whose supervision funds might be expended to keep certain prospective residents in their own communities."

The George Washington memorial scheme comes in for strenuous approval from Grand Master Gram, but apparently some of his brethren are not so enthusiastic as is evidenced by a rather impudently couched, but not, in our opinion altogether inappropriate, letter quoted as prelude to an appeal for the old forthright, brand of patriotism.

By the Grand Secretary's report we observe a net loss of 1,148. These figures may be small by comparison with a membership of 208,559, but when stacked against similar losses in other jurisdictions we wonder if they are not significant of the times.

Any brother interested in the City of Cincinnati will find an entertaining description of "Cincinnati as a Noteworthy Masonic Centre."

A special appendix of Masonic poems by the late M. W. Bro. Nelson Williams is worth the most attentive perusal of any Mason.

Voluminous statistics and a fine Report on Foreign Correspondence, in which Alberta receives more than generous mention, completes a most interesting volume.

Next Annual Communication at Canton, October 19th and 20th, 1932.

M. W. Grand Master, Harvey F. Ake, Canton.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Harry S. Johnson, Cincinnati.

A.M.M.

OKLAHOMA

The Twenty-third Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma was convened by R. W. Bro. Claude M. March, Deputy Grand Master, on Tuesday, the 10th of February, 1931, at McAlester.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Samuel H. Lattimore, was duly received and accorded the honors becoming his station and then formally declared the Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form. On behalf of his brethren of his home lodge and the other lodges of the City of Muskogee, the Grand Master was presented with a Grand Master's Apron.

An address of welcome to McAlester was given to the Grand Lodge by Past Grand Master Sexson and suitably replied to by Senior Grand Warden, Jas. I. Phelps.

On the roll call of Grand Representatives we are pleased to note M. W. Bro. Henry S. Johnston was able to answer for Alberta. The Grand Master cordially welcomed these brethren on behalf of himself and his Grand Lodge and spoke of the absence of Bro. Judge Humphrey through illness. Past Grand Master Freeman replied.

In his address the Grand Master makes feeling reference to the death of M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Anderson, Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Master.

An educational program plays a leading part in the life of this Grand Lodge, and Grand Master Lattimore divided his State into nine areas with a chairman for each. On the whole he states the area organization was not successful. He does, however, pay this tribute:

"Masonry in Oklahoma has lost several thousand members during the past three years, but, through increased interest, information, enthusiasm and brotherhood resulting from the work of the district organizations, Oklahoma Masonry is stronger now than it was three years ago. Our strength is to me measured, not by the number of members but by the number of Masons." The Craftsman Club is doing excellent service among the brethren in U. S. Veteran's Hospital at Muskogee.

The Grand Master convened fifteen Special Communications for the laying of Corner Stones, two for the dedication of buildings and two for Masonic Funerals.

The Grand Master recommended that dual membership be permitted. In many Grand Bodies in the United States membership in two Grand Jurisdictions is not permitted. To obviate the hardships thus created a number of the Grand Lodges have made changes in their constitution, while others have the matter under consideration.

During the course of the year Oklahoma organized and incorporated what is known as "Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma" which includes not only the Grand Lodge, but also the Royal Arch Grand Chapter, The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and the Scottish Rite Bodies, as well as the Eastern Star, so that all of these organizations will have a voice in the conduct of the Masonic Homes maintained. Rules and regulations are set forth in the Proceedings governing admission to the Homes.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that Oklahoma has a loss of 2,365 in membership.

An excellent address is given in full in the Proceedings by the Grand Orator, John R. Abernathy, entitled "The Incarnation of Masonry," and deals largely with the Master's charge to the newly initiated Entered Apprentice.

M. W. Bro. Henry S. Johnston presented a resolution to Grand Lodge, the opening paragraph of which is as follows:

"The Oklahoma Grand Lodge of Masons and we men and individual members of our Most Worshipful Order, being moved by a deep and solemn reverence for the God of nature, recognize that at the present and in the recent past abundant evidence of His Fatherly care has been revealed throughout the world by the condign necessities of the people."

It is indeed fitting and proper that homage should be paid to God whom as Masons we reverence and serve.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is once again from the pen of M. W. Bro. Thos. C. Humphry and gives Alberta a very sympathetic review. If Oklahoma was overlooked by Alberta in 1930 we regret it very much, but it must have been because the copy did not reach the hands of the reviewer.

M. W. Bro. Claude M. March, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Claude A. Sturgeon, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

OREGON

Eighty-first Annual Communication, Portland, June 10th, 11th and 12th, 1931.

The communication was presided over by M. W. Bro. Otto C. Hagmeier, Grand Master. The Grand Representative of Alberta, Bro. Edgar H. Sensenich, was present.

The Grand Master in his address first stressed the affinity between true Masonry and good citizenship, as follows: "During the year in my contact with the Craft throughout the jurisdiction, efforts were made to emphasize that good citizenship is a necessary adjunct to Masonry; to imbue the minds of the brethren with a consciousness of their responsibility, both to the organization and the Nation in which they live. It is the earnest conviction of your Grand Master, that true Masonry and good citizenship go hand in hand, and that no man is a true Mason who wilfully violates the law of his country. Disobedience to the law on the part of a Mason injures not only himself but the Fraternity as well, and by his example he leads others to look upon the law with a like disrespect." Reference was made to questionable acts of members of another Order whose membership is made up entirely of Masons, and a warning was sounded. "That Masonry of Oregon expected and demanded of its adherents a line of conduct and deportment that accorded with their profession, and cognizance would be taken of any dereliction on the part of its members." He apparently felt that the prestige of Masonry had suffered, for he concluded, "To regain the prestige that was ours and again enjoy the respect of the world, we must not only guard our portals against the unworthy, but must wage a militant campaign to eliminate the undesirables that have crept into our ranks." An echo of the prevailing depression is heard also. "During the last decade we have passed through an orgy of striving for financial and numerical ascendancy. Debts have been incurred by individual and groups of lodges far in excess of their ability to conveniently bear, and has resulted in Masonry being commercialized in many instances. Such a condition, if allowed to continue, can only lead to one result, an ultimate lowering of the standard of the individual and of the lodges."

All of the Grand Master's decisions, dealing chiefly with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, were approved.

A new form of petition has been approved, after a careful study by the committee in charge. The point aimed at is to give the lodge very full and detailed information of the applicant. Editorial comment on it has been very favorable.

Chain letters are again condemned. "Old men in their dotage, young men in nonage, fools and the insane, are not supposed to be admitted into our Order, yet when I view the accumulation of Chain Letters that have come to my attention during the past year, I sometimes wonder if we have not paid too great attention to the physical qualifications and lost sight of the mental."

No longer will Grand Lodge be called off for the purpose of receiving a committee bearing greetings from the Grand Chapter, O.E.S., of Oregon, nor will Grand Lodge in turn send a committee to the Grand Chapter for a like purpose, as there has been a growing feeling of disapproval against this practice. A letter of greeting and appreciation is now substituted.

Grand Orator, Joseph R. Jeffery, spoke on the subject "Type of Manhood Needed in Our American To-day," taking as his text the

Grand Master's words contained in the quotation given above—"To regain the prestige that was ours, and again enjoy the respect of the world." In this reviewer's humble opinion the address is a farrago of fact and fiction, sense and nonsense, and one of the best, or worst, examples of what has come to be known as "spreadeagleism." One simply stands mute with amazement at such vainglorious boasting. We are not alone in our estimate of his claims, as we note from reading other reviews. It is only fair to add that there are bright spots in the address, but they must find themselves in strange company.

The several funds have cash balances aggregating \$52,792.19, while the total assets of Grand Lodge are \$955,849.69.

Total membership is 30,623, a net loss of 12.

A very good description of the George Washington Memorial its history and setting, is given by the Grand Secretary, D. Rufus Cheney. The Memorial must be a magnificent building in a lovely countryside, and we only hope that the money for its maintenance will not be as difficult to find as that for its construction.

A new Burial Service was adopted.

Several matters called for the attention of the Appeals and Grievances Committee, and the procedure in such cases is now under review for report next year.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is in charge of David P. Mapson, Chairman. Sixty-five Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed, and a very great amount of useful and interesting information given the Masonic reader. We enjoyed all of them, and regretted only the fairly liberal employment of small type. Alberta is given two pages of notice, and extracts from the address of the Grand Master are quoted with approval.

M. W. Bro. Herbert L. Toney, Grand Master, McMinnville.

M. W. Bro. D. Rufus Cheney, Grand Secretary, Portland.

C.V.B.

PENNSYLVANIA

Quarterly Communications of this Grand Lodge were held on fourth March, third June, second September and second December, 1931, and the Annual Grand Communication was held on Monday, twenty-eighth December, 1931, St. John the Evangelist's Day. All these communications were held in the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia and the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. William S. Snyder, presided.

At the Quarterly Communication held on March 4th the Report of the Grand Secretary disclosed the following figures for the year ending December 27th, 1930: "Total number of lodges, 568. Total membership, 214,541. Net increase during the year 1930, 438." On page 410 of the Abstract of Proceedings there appears a summary of the membership of this Grand Lodge for the twenty-two years ending with 1930. In 1911 the membership was 100,726, in 1925 the figure was 204,048, it having more than doubled during the intervening fourteen years. For the twenty-year period 1909 to 1929 the net increase in membership was not less than four figures, the lowest being in 1929,

1,347. In three of those years, 1919, 1920 and 1921 the increase was in five figures, averaging through the period 14,607.

At this Quarterly Communication the Grand Master reported the passing of R. W. Bro. Charles E. Roberts, Grand Treasurer, on February 11th, 1931, who had served in this office for the previous nine years, and had a record of Masonic service of over forty-one years. The Grand Master also had to report the passing on February 22nd, 1931, of Bro. J. Gray Bolton, who had been a Mason for fifty-two years and served as a Grand Chaplain for forty successive years.

At the Quarterly Communication on December 2nd, 1931, the Grand Lodge elected its officers for the ensuing year. The record of this meeting comprises 165 pages, chiefly of statistical nature, referring to the financial affairs of Grand Lodge and of its benevolent institutions and funds.

The outstanding Masonic event in this jurisdiction, and indeed on the North American Continent, was a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge held at Philadelphia, on Monday, October 12th, 1931, in the Bicentenary Celebration of "Two Hundred Years of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania." We quote from the Grand Master's Address of Welcome:

"We are assembled to commemorate two hundred years of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. Several years ago we concluded there should be a fitting celebration of so important an event, and much time has been given to preparing it. It is indeed a happy event for all Pennsylvania, and we hope that when our guests leave everyone will feel that it has been good to be here. We rejoice that so many Grand Jurisdictions and so many individuals have accepted our invitation to be present. What a gathering we have! If the men here assembled are not the most distinguished Masons in the world, they are certainly the Masonic leaders of today. Many of you have travelled thousands of miles to be here. We have a delegation of three from the oldest Grand Lodge in the world, the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of that Island Empire, located in the north-eastern part of the Atlantic Ocean, whose climate is tempered by the Gulf Stream travelling seven thousand miles westward we have a delegation from British Columbia, located in the northeastern part of the Pacific Ocean, whose climate is tempered by the Japan Current; midway between these two countries we have Prince Edward Island, located in the western part of the Atlantic Ocean, whose climate is chilled and befogged by the Arctic Currents. Cuba, that island from which, looking eastward, we view the Atlantic Ocean, looking southward we see the Caribbean Sea, and looking northward we gaze upon the Gulf of Mexico, has sent a delegation of five. They are here from Costa Rica, where the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans are separated by a distance of only fifty miles, and also from Porto Rico, one of our own Territories. We have representatives from the smallest State—Rhode Island, and from the largest State—Texas; from the first settled of the States—Virginia; from the Prairie States of Kansas and Nebraska; from Michigan, the State which seems to monopolize the Great Lakes, as it is touched by four of them. Delegates are present from four of the New England States; from New York and New Jersey, great industrial States, named as part of the territory over which Daniel Coxe was Provincial Grand Master; they are here from the South Atlantic States, from the Gulf States, from the States bordering on the Mississippi River, and from a State west of the Rocky Mountains. We feel particularly happy that Canada, our neighbour on the north, with which country we have lived in the most

friendly relations for more than a century, has sent representatives from six Grand Jurisdictions.

"Including our own State, there are thirty-three Grand Jurisdictions represented, ten of them being in foreign countries and twenty-three in various States and the District of Columbia."

The response, on behalf of the distinguished guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, was made by M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, who, after expressing the appreciation of the guests for the hospitality extended and their congratulations to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, said:

"What part in our modern world has Masonry to play? Is there a place for a Fraternity as old as this, in the age in which we live? Personally, I believe there is. The world has gone through many changes and perhaps the next hundred years will show even greater changes. No man here can prophesy as to just what changes will have taken place when your Grand Lodge celebrates the 300th anniversary. Will Masonry survive in its present form? Will Masonry continue to be a force in an age so different from the present as ours is different from the past?"

"The period when Masonry came into existence is well known. It was a different age than ours. It was an age of individual labor and simple life, and of very close and intimate association in the communities where the people lived. Now we feel that age has disappeared and we have different and perhaps larger problems to face.

"What has Masonry to offer? 'Faith in God,' and that is essential. A civilization with faith in the one living and true God is necessary. Never will civilization last without faith in the Great Architect of the Universe. Masonry stands for loyalty, for love of country and for the betterment of mankind in every age. Masonry is also spoken of in terms of Brotherhood. Masonry does believe in the proper association of man to man.

"When calling the names of the Grand Jurisdictions represented here, or to be represented here, there are represented many Masonic Jurisdictions from different parts of the world. Masonry is established around the globe, and it does not matter whether you are in Syria, or in the islands of the sea, north, south, east and west, we find it in some form, as neither time, climate, age, nor creed have any great relationship to the great truths of Freemasonry. They are universal in their application."

Among those who addressed the Grand Lodge in the evening session was M. W. Bro. Henry B. Morley, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia; and M. W. Bro. J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary of the District of Columbia, from who we quote:

"We are indulging ourselves with the hope that the time will come when Freemasonry in the United States shall present a united front, when its policies shall be as uniform as its purposes are sublime, and when its great latent power may be wisely and effectively directed toward their universal acceptance. We hear much of the need that Masonry shall be changed and adapted to present-day conditions, but nowhere do I find among thoughtful brethren much sympathy with these suggestions. Certainly not in the Freemasonry of Pennsylvania, which has endured for two centuries, and which has more closely adhered to Masonic traditions and landmarks than many other Grand Jurisdictions have done. It is only through such reverence for and observance of the fundamentals of Masonry, and through a sincere and continuing

determination to maintain, in all their wisdom and purity, its long-existing principles and standards, that we shall preserve its integrity and its prestige."

At the Annual Grand Communication held on December 28th, 1931, M. W. Bro. William S. Snyder, Grand Master, in his annual address gives a comprehensive review of the Bicentenary Proceedings, and quoted from numerous letters received from their guests testifying to the marvellous efficiency with which this tremendous celebration was conducted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the keen appreciation of the visitors from other jurisdictions. Typical of these we quote as follows:

"The Grand Master of British Columbia, Brother H. B. Morley, wrote:

"It is with all sincerity that I state that never before has it been my privilege to attend a celebration or convocation, Masonic or otherwise, where every hour was so usefully and pleasantly employed, and from which such a wealth of genuine friendship and fraternal spirit of helpfulness and good-will emanated. Apart entirely from so much that was instructive, I am sure that your guests, from the Motherland and Canada especially, will always remember that all-enveloping friendliness, and be grateful and glad because of it."

At this Communication R. W. Bro. Benjamin Page was installed as Grand Master, and we quote two passages from his address:

"Freemasonry is a vital force for good throughout our broad land and even in remotest corners of the globe. It is established upon the belief in God. It has developed upon the basis of its appeal to all that is best and highest in man. Of all who knock at its portals, it welcomes only those of known good character, high principles and the required physical perfection; those whose charitable impulses it is to be of service to mankind and, more especially to our own brethren.

"With such a heritage, it is incumbent upon us all to be obedient to the tenets of Freemasonry, to render unswerving allegiance to the Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks of the Fraternity as handed down to us, and which duty demands that we preserve undimmed for those who shall follow after.

"Let us now briefly dwell upon a subject to which I trust all the District Deputy Grand Masters, and the leaders of the Fraternity generally, will give earnest consideration—the need for more lodges. It is my firm conviction that the existence of at least two lodges in every community is definitely to the best interests of the Craft.

"I do not advocate necessarily the division of the large lodge which would involve the sacrifice of its greater financial strength but I do contend that the smaller lodge presents increased opportunity for service to the individual member and that it will benefit the community as a whole by fostering a more general harmony and by broadening the field of Fraternal endeavor."

It is worthy of note that Grand Master Page comments on the prospect of the accommodation at the Masonic Home of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at Elizabeth, Pa., being inadequate to meet the applications for admission, which have been increasing greatly under prevailing conditions.

The Review of Proceedings presented by the Committee on Correspondence under the Chairmanship of Bro. William Dick, makes very readable and instructive Masonic literature. Alberta and other Can-

adian Jurisdictions receive generous recognition. In the Review of Alberta 1931 Proceedings special mention is made of the Silver Anniversary of the Grand Lodge, celebrated in Calgary, on October 11th, 1930. In the Review of British Columbia M. W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Grand Master of Canada in Ontario, is quoted in his address, as a guest, to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

"Any attempt to modernize Freemasonry must weaken and destroy the whole structure. We should emphasize this fact, for in these days of new creations and new ideas there is a constant demand that Freemasonry should change in its objective, its plan and purpose."

We quote the last portion of the foreword to this Review, and concur in the ideas and sentiments therein expressed:

"There is a well-grounded belief among the Correspondents that the results of their labors as printed in the Annual Reports of Grand Lodge Proceedings, whether good, bad or indifferent, are not often read by members of the Fraternity, other than lodge officers and perhaps not many of them.

"However, we believe these reviews are at least useful in contributing to the general store of Masonic knowledge of lodge officers concerning other fields of Freemasonry than their own and that they thus offer at least an administrative aid in determining the solution of problems with which they are concerned."

Number of Lodges. 567.

Total membership, December 27, 1930, 214,514. Net increase, 438.

Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Benjamin Page.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. John A. Perry.

F.S.S.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Philippine Islands was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Manila, on Tuesday, the 27th day of January, A. D. 1931, continuing throughout a three day session. M. W. Bro. Vicente Carmona, Grand Master, presided.

Grand Lodge was favored with the presence of twelve Past Grand Masters and several other Past Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Representatives of seventy-two foreign jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands were in attendance. To these distinguished brethren the Grand Master extended a very cordial welcome and desired them to forward to their representative Grand Jurisdictions the heartiest fraternal greetings and assurance of continued fraternal co-operation and esteem. A suitable response was made by M. W. Bro. George R. Harvey, Past Grand Master, Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Annual Address of Grand Master Carmona is not a voluminous document, but deals with the principal Masonic problems presenting themselves to most jurisdictions, among these being Lodge Administration, Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues, Masonic Education and Masonic Libraries, and the Lodge Secretary. Fitting reference was also made to the celebration in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania of the Two Hundred Years of Masonry in America and

also to the proposed Communications to be held throughout United States in commemoration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

The Grand Master, in discussing Masonic Education, says: "I am not thoroughly in accord with the assertion that all our troubles will end by simply adding to our membership a thorough knowledge of all that is good and true in the history, tradition, story and principles of our ancient and honorable fraternity. Yet, there is much to be gained by an educated brotherhood. Education along Masonic lines is most useful and has a tendency to greatly increase our interest in all the Fraternity stands for and is endeavoring to do. It may even fill our lodges with those who do not now attend the meetings, and may result in a far-reaching effect of making Masons of our initiates instead of members only. It is conceded to be a means worthy of every trial and adaption. I must, therefore, with the Grand Masters who have preceded me, emphasize the need of giving our initiates as much education as it is possible; and to give them much more than we have done heretofore." The Grand Master then proceeds with several suggestions, all more or less helpful. He concludes: "I feel it is my duty to charge all the members and officers of our lodges to embrace every favorable opportunity to bring some new knowledge to the members of your lodges, to encourage study clubs, lectures, readings, educational programs, in fact any plan of bringing the brethren together for enlightenment and giving them a more intelligent understanding of what Masonry is, and what the Masonic life should be."

In the matter of Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues, the Grand Master gives the experience in that jurisdiction: "In view of our experience in the restorations of the majority of those suspended, we feel that the officers of the lodges should take such measures as are possible to prevent many of the suspensions. In some of our lodges committees are busy aiding the Secretary and it is suggested to all our lodges that each plan some method to prevent the suspension of members on account of non-payment of dues. I have no commendation for the statement often heard 'It is good to be rid of the material that is suspended for non-payment of dues.' In a few cases this may be true but our experience in scrutinizing the names of those suspended convinces us that the truth is quite the contrary, and that there is often a reason and not an excuse for the apparent lack of interest, or intentional or unintentional delay of payments. We enjoin our brethren in the coming year, or years, to be so active in endeavoring to prevent such suspensions that this failure on our part will be a thing of the past. When a brother is found to be not able to pay it is our duty to remit the dues at the end of the year."

Referring to the visits made by the Grand Master, he says: "My duties as a government official have made it impossible for me to go to the far outlying districts. As you know, our lodges are widely scattered, being situated on fourteen islands of the Philippine Archipelago and one of the Marianas Group, and since last October we even have a lodge on the mainland of Asia, in China. Communication by land and by sea is in many cases poor and irregular and the great distances between lodges make visitations a time-consuming and difficult affair."

The Grand Secretary's report indicates a very healthy condition of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction. We quote from M. W. Bro. Comfort's conclusion as illustrative of his abiding enthusiasm for labors Masonic: "It has been an exquisite pleasure along with the

work to serve with and for so fine an aggregation of men as we find in our lodges.

“To be alive in such an age!
To live to it! To give to it!
Fling forth thy sorrow to the wind
And link thy life with human kind;
Breathe the world thought, do the world deed,
Think hugely of thy brother's need,—
And what thy woe, and what thy weal!
Look to the work the times reveal.
Give thanks with all thy flaming heart,
Crave but to have in it a part,
Give thanks and clasp thy heritage—
To be alive in such an age!”

—*Angela Morgan.*”

In the matter of relief we find the following instructive passage: “It is not the duty of the Grand Lodge to look after all cases of distress among the membership throughout its jurisdiction, but it is the duty of the lodges to take care of their own cases needing relief. We would not have it understood by the membership of the lodges that such duty falls upon the Grand Lodge, but we see no objection to the creation of such a committee to co-operate with the individual lodges or the officers thereof in looking after the welfare of any member of the Fraternity who may be in distress.”

The new Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Wiley Larkin, following the installation, delivered a very inspiring address to his brethren from which we quote: “Masonry in the Philippines is unique in its membership in that it is composed of numerous nationalities, and, therefore, has a wonderful opportunity to prove its universality, to aid in bringing about that unity and harmony which should over all prevail.

“Within our lodges may be found men of every shade of opinion; of every walk in life; yet, notwithstanding these differences, peace and harmony prevail, and the brethren dwell together in unity.

“There is a reciprocity of brotherly kindness, which springs up in our hearts, that time cannot obliterate, and that circumstances can never change.”

“Tolerant of all faiths, Masonry forms an all-embracing moral and spiritual fellowship which rises above barriers of nations, race, and creed, satisfying the craving of men for unity, while invoking in them a sense of that eternal mysticism out of which fraternalism is born.

“Out of the philosophy of the ancients, which has enriched the minds of man, Masonry has taken the best and adapted it to its peculiar purposes. Thus there has been developed the greatest unifying influence of all ages, a universal fraternity, endeavoring to eliminate hatred and prejudices, and bring about a unified brotherhood.

“This unity is the secret of the permanence of our Order. At all our meetings, all those subjects which tend to produce discord and contention should be strictly forbidden.”

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is presented by M. W. Bro. Newton C. Comfort, who presents a very interesting introduction to his Review of the Proceedings of sixty-six other Grand Lodges. Bro. Comfort asks the question whether Suspension for non-payment of dues is an innovation and refers to the non-subscriber idea which has been adopted by the jurisdiction in the British Isles. His

observance of the working of both systems over a period of years inclines him to favor the system in vogue in the British Isles. Alberta 1930 is reviewed and copious quotations are made from the address of M. W. Bro. Middleton.

Membership, 6,452. Decrease, 194.

M. W. Bro. William Wiley Larkin, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Newton C. Comfort, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND 1930

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Prince Edward Island, was held at Crapaud, on 26th November, 1929.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were in attendance and there was a goodly representation of Grand Lodge representatives present, Alberta's not being among the number.

The Grand Master visited all but one of the lodges in his jurisdiction.

Fraternal recognition was asked for by the Grand Lodge of Ecuador and the Grand Lodges of Czechoslovakia and Rio de Janeiro, which requests were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. The report of the committee is pungent and conclusive.

R. W. Bro. Harris of Nova Scotia delivered an address on the Early Masonry and urged the brethren of Prince Edward Island to start collecting articles and data for their own Province.

Notice of Motion was given that the per capita tax to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund be increased by the sum of 50 cents, this increase to be used for maintenance and education of Masonic orphans.

The closing words of the Grand Master's address are full of significance in these days of flux and change.

"Let us not be satisfied with status quo. Great has been the history of our Empire. Much has been accomplished in recent years, but if we are still to be great we must go forward to every increasing accomplishment, not for selfish ends but for higher ideals.

"We are living in a time when customs are changing. 'The old order changeth, giving place to new,' and we must needs be on the alert. We can best minister to these needs by keeping alive and stimulating a Masonic conscience. This conscience should embrace the fundamental teachings of Masonry and a firm determination to put them into practice in daily life.

"The Masonic accomplishment in Prince Edward Island is the aggregate accomplishment of its individual members. They make it what it is and no more. If we grasp this thought and do our best to live up to the high ideals of our profession, we shall create a spirit that will make Masonry an irresistible force for accomplishment and progress; based upon the beauty, the solidity and the character of that

perfect structure which is builded to serve man and raise him to high levels of thought and action.

"And so I commend to you as Masons and citizens the supreme duty of loyalty to God, to King, to Craft and to those principles that alone can keep our Country and Empire great."

Lodges, 15. Membership, 1,242. Gain, 16.

G.M.B.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

1931

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island held its Fifty-sixth Annual Communication at Charlottetown on 24th June, 1931.

The meeting was presided over by R. W. Bro. E. Sinclair, the Deputy Grand Master, to whom fell that duty by reason of the sudden and unexpected passing of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry Todd Begg.

M. W. Bro. Begg was called by death on 12th May, 1931, only a short period before his term of office expired.

A special communication of Grand Lodge was held on 13th May, 1931, for the purpose of holding a Memorial Service.

In his address the Deputy Grand Master pays a tribute to the deceased and says:

"He radiated good fellowship. Few men had more friends; few more deserved them. In his passing the Grand Lodge has been called upon for the first time to mourn the loss of a distinguished Grand Master, and the Craft has lost a Master Builder."

The late Grand Master visited all the lodges in his jurisdiction with the exception of one and during his term of office he found friendship and goodfellowship existing throughout the jurisdiction.

The work of the lodges in the jurisdiction has been quiet with a net gain of six members.

The necessity of possessing a Masonic Museum was stressed by M. W. Bro. A. F. McKay who appealed to all members in the jurisdiction to do their part in getting such a Museum started.

There is no Fraternal Correspondence.

G.M.B.

QUEBEC

1930

The Sixtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. & A.M., was held in Montreal on 12th February, 1930, M. W. Bro. Henry Willis, Grand Master, presiding.

Among the large number of Grand Lodge Representatives present was R. W. Bro. S. H. Sornberger representing Alberta.

Distinguished guests were present from Ontario, Connecticut and Vermont.

Two new lodges were instituted and three under dispensation and the financial condition of Grand Lodge is splendid.

Only two District Meetings were held.

We are reminded of the passage of time when we note that one lodge celebrated its 100th anniversary, one its 75th anniversary, and two their 50th anniversaries.

On December 31st, 1929, the membership was 15,822, a gain of 310, one lodge alone having 36 initiations. Little time in this lodge for Research and Education.

The sum of \$4,150 was expended on relief.

There is no Fraternal Correspondence.

G. M. B.

QUEBEC

1931

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. & A.M., held its Sixty-first Annual Communication in the City of Montreal, on the 11th day of February, 1931, with M. W. Bro. W. M. Couper, Grand Master, presiding.

We observe that Alberta's representative was not present.

The Grand Master reports having attended two District Meetings and he stresses the value of these meetings. The fact that there were only two District Meetings imposes upon the Grand Master the necessity of visiting individual lodges and no doubt the time is at hand when there will be, in Quebec, an extension of the District Meetings.

The subject of imposing an annual assessment upon life members was brought to the Grand Master's attention, who very properly refused to approve of such an amendment to lodge by-laws. He pointed out that such an assessment could not be enforced. The practice of granting life membership upon the payment of a lump sum is now producing its inevitable result. The lump sum is arrived at, as a general rule, by guess work and the lesson for us all is that life members should be granted only on a business like basis.

Two lodges were granted their charters and in due course were consecrated by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master records his visit to the 75th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

As Masons we frequently hear criticism from those who do not belong to the Order and we meet Masons who feel badly hurt at such criticism. The Grand Master in Quebec deals forcefully with this subject and I quote one short paragraph of his remarks:

"Because of no public announcement of the purposes of Freemasonry, those who are on the outside of it look askance. To the brethren of the Craft I say, do not pay any very great attention to doubting criticisms. See that you first have grasped the full intent and

meaning of Freemasonry, and then by practice of it in your daily lives, demonstrate to the world at large, the advantages of Freemasonry."

The general correspondence contains a review of Alberta's 1930 Proceedings.

Lodges, 90; U. D., 2. Membership, 16,114. Gain, 291.

G.M.B.

QUEENSLAND

Proceedings ending June, 1931.

M. W. Bro. W. H. Green was re-elected Grand Master.

Total membership end of December, 1929, 22,196. Increase for half year of 245.

Grand Lodge confirmed the policy of not giving details of Benevolent Grants.

This Grand Jurisdiction finally achieved uniformity in the matter of the signs and steps in the various degrees and the same were communicated in proper form to the officials in charge of the work.

In the matter of toasts the rule was laid down that the toast to the M. W. the Grand Master must in all respects be treated in the same manner as that to "The King" and must be honoured in silence, except when the Grand Master is present in person, when he will be pleased to reply.

The Board of Benevolence expended over \$11,000 during the year.

There was expended on the new Temple something over \$400,000 in all.

At the end of the year 1930 Grand Lodge held its last meeting in the old Temple which it had occupied for the last forty-four years.

The balance sheet of Grand Lodge at the end of June 1931, showed a net capital of approximately \$155,000.

No review of Foreign Correspondence is published.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. H. Green.

Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. C. H. Harley, P.G.M., Brisbane, Queensland.

E.T.B.

RHODE ISLAND

The One Hundred and Forty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Providence, on Monday, the 18th day of May, A. D. 1931. M. W. Bro. Henry S. See, Grand Master.

Distinguished visitors present included the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, M. W. Bro. Howard A. Middleton, who was accompanied by several of his Grand Lodge officers, and the

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, M. W. Bro. Herbert W. Dean. The Grand Lodge of New Jersey was represented by R. W. Bro. Isaac Cherry, Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bro. D. J. Sargent, Past Grand Master. R. W. Bro. Charles B. Adams, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, was also present.

M. W. Bro. See in his Annual Address to the Grand Lodge presented an exhaustive report of his official activities during his year of office. The Committee of Jurisprudence, after a careful analysis of the address, found that it afforded conclusive evidence not only of the energy and activity of the Grand Master during his year but also of the fact that the Grand Master possessed a thorough understanding of the many and diverse activities required of him in his official position, and congratulated the Grand Master upon a year of splendid service yielding real and constructive accomplishment. We would concur in this finding of the committee.

The Grand Master included in his address, for purposes of reference, a small booklet prepared for the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, Free and Accepted Masons, presenting a number of forms of bequests for use in Wills where the testator desired to bequeath part of his estate to Masonic uses. These forms comprise several pages of printed matter, and may be studied to advantage by Masters in any jurisdiction having such commendable purposes in view.

The message of the Grand Master in his concluding remarks is well worthy of reproduction here:

"Freemasonry, I believe, is at the beginning of a great spiritual revival, a real awakening that will carry it to heights never before attained; not merely an advancement in numerical strength, but rather a deep and abiding realization, by those of us already within its folds, of the golden opportunity for achievement which confronts us.

"May we vigorously grasp this opportunity, may we strive with all our strength to attain the lofty ideals of the Craft; to put into effect in our daily living the practical lessons taught us; to continue, undaunted, our search for Divine Truth; and ever and always to aspire to the ultimate goal of our Fraternity, the Fatherhood of God, the universal Brotherhood of Man."

The Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the several districts indicated favourable conditions throughout this jurisdiction, evidencing sustained interest and activity in the principal phases of Masonic endeavour in this small but interesting jurisdiction.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer showed a sound financial position. While the Report of the Grand Secretary showed a net decrease for the year of seventy-two, this was not due to any lack of Masonic work in conferring degrees but resulted from the large number of deaths and loss of membership through non-payment of dues.

A very interesting part of these Proceedings is the Report of the Trustees of the Educational Fund, wherein it appeared that eighty-four Scholarships had been granted during the year, sixty-two to young men and twenty-two to young women. Twenty-five Universities and Colleges were represented, thirty-two of the students benefitting thereby being in attendance at Brown University, twenty at Rhode Island State College and ten at Pembroke Ladies' College. The amount received by a student from these scholarships was about \$225.00, the total amount expended being about \$19,000.00. The Trustees of this Fund have permanent invested funds aggregating over \$47,000.00,

and in addition to the income from these investments they receive grants from lodges approximately on the basis of \$1.00 per capita.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island extended fraternal recognition to the following Grand Lodges, and authorized the exchange of representatives:

Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro.
Grand Lodge of Parahyba.
Grand Lodge of Chile.
National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia:

The Committee was not ready to report on the Petitions for Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Germany, Grand Lodge of Honduras, Grand Orient of Italy, and the National Grand Lodge of Roumania.

Number of Lodges, 45. Total membership, 19,060. Net decrease, 72.

M. W. Bro. J. Irving Shepley, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Harold L. McAuslan, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

SASKATCHEWAN 1930

The Twenty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M., was held in the City of Moose Jaw, on 18th June, 1930, M. W. Bro. J. Orville Clarke presiding.

Twelve Past Grand Masters were present and our Grand Lodge was represented by R. W. Bro. A. A. Wilson.

His Worship the Mayor, Bro. James Pascoe, extended a cordial welcome to the brethren and from his remarks we gather that Moose Jaw is the finest City in the West. We had some doubts on this point but after reading the address of welcome, these doubts are forever dispelled.

The Grand Master of Manitoba was a distinguished visitor at this gathering.

In his address the Grand Master refers to the fact that he visited all District Meetings and in addressing the brethren, the chief points of his message were:

1. The Selection of New Material.
2. Masonic Study and Education.
3. Conduct of Lodges.
4. Exclusive premises or homes.
5. Practical application of Masonic Teachings, including the needs of our Benevolent Fund and the desirability of bequests and endowments to that Fund.

Pertinent and practical subjects are these.

He does not overlook a word of thanks to the D.D.G.M.'s, those faithful hard workers whose often unnoticed efforts for the well-being of the Craft, are invaluable.

Three new lodges were instituted and three corner stones laid.

We observe that the Grand Master attended a meeting of the O.E.S. having first satisfied himself that his predecessors in office had extended recognition to this body.

The contrary practice obtains with us in Alberta.

In concluding his address the Grand Master says:

"Masonry was never meant to be merely an ornamental tree; it was designed to bear fruit. It is, or should be, a combination of the ideal and the real. Its idealism can never be too high; its realism should never descend to the level of sordidness and selfishness.

"The idealism of Freemasonry is of the highest type. Running through the entire history of the Craft will be found the principles that have been the guiding motives of every great movement for the betterment of mankind. It teaches unselfishness, it instills friendship, it promotes brotherhood, it brings about good will, it furthers toleration, it broadens the human vision and enlarges the human heart. It lifts humanity out of the slough of despondency and helplessness and points to a better life on earth and a firmer hope beyond the grave."

"In these cold, hard, matter of fact days we require idealism to nurture our minds in fine thoughts and delicate dreams." With them, we have choice possessions. Without them we are morally and mentally bankrupt. May our Grand Masters long retain the desire and have the ability to rise above the mere gross material and take a flight into the realm of idealism.

M. W. Bro. Tate has an ably written, interesting Grand Secretary's report.

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry indicates health and strength, moral and financial, benevolence active, and all round reason for congratulation. \$10,978.00 was expended on benevolence from Grand Lodge alone.

The Grand Master ruled that the Tyler must receive the pass word and pass grip from every person excepting the Grand Master.

We are inclined to the view that the D.D.G.M., who is the Grand Master's representative, should not require to give the P. W. and P. G.

The Proceedings contain papers on Masonic subjects of great interest.

The Proceedings also contain a reprint of approved rulings.

Alberta receives mention in the Report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee.

Number of lodges, 196. Membership, 14,867. Gain, 234.

G.M.B.

SASKATCHEWAN

1931

The Twenty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M., was held in Regina, beginning 17th June, 1931, with M. W. Bro. Charles P. Moore presiding.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters and a large number of Grand Representatives were present.

The Mayor of Regina welcomed the brethren and in spite of the fact that Regina District had suffered severely from continued drought, we are glad to note His Worship's optimism.

Distinguished visitors were introduced from Montana, Manitoba, and our own Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. Kerby was present.

At this communication Grand Lodge celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary, and M. W. Bro. C. O. Davidson delivered an address relating to the formation of Grand Lodge.

Twelve members were present at this meeting who were present at the formation of Grand Lodge and they were especially received and addressed.

The Grand Master's address makes good reading. He speaks forcefully on the question of "appointed" or "elected" D.D.G.M.'s and points out that the constitutional provision regarding the method to be pursued in selecting this officer, is an unnecessary interference with the prerogative of the Grand Master. The Committee on the Grand Master's Address do not appear to agree with him.

Quite so—but the election requires the confirmation of the Grand Master and we know of cases where confirmation has been refused. Democracy—so called—has whittled away the prerogatives of Kings and perhaps Grand Masters are fortunate in still retaining so many of theirs.

The Grand Master advocates a more liberal and tolerant view regarding physical requirements of candidates.

We heartily concur but it seems silly to retain rules and requirements for the Grand Master to break. Surely there is a more sensible method.

The Grand Master takes an upper cut at Communism and we are glad to hear him express views similar to some of our own. Thus:

"Freemasonry and Communism are incompatible. The latter with its atheistic teaching constitutes a menace to the former. If Communism comes, Freemasonry must go. It is inconceivable that any intelligent reasoning person could accept the tenets of Communism the avowed objects of which are the destruction of the sanctity of the home and the wiping out of religion."

The Grand Master attended all the District Meetings, two Masonic Temples were dedicated and two lodges constituted.

We were pleased to note the Grand Master refused to approve of an amendment permitting life membership after seven years on payment of \$50.00 and Grand Lodge fees. Good business Most Worshipful Sir. It is time the granting of life memberships should be on a proper and business-like basis.

The Grand Master refused a dispensation to re-ballot and he was fortunate in that he was not called upon to make any new rulings.

From the Grand Secretary's report we see that the "chain prayer" is still rampant and on the go. He refers to it as an "invitation to superstition." We commend him for his moderation and self control.

The Grand Secretary's report showed 198 lodges with a membership of 14,941, a gain of 24.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Relations recommends recognition of the Grand Lodge of Ecuador and the Grand Lodge of Guatemala, but properly refuses the same recognition to the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janiero and a revived Grand Orient of Italy in London.

The Board of Benevolence expended the sum of \$12,171.00 on relief.

Eighty-seven lodges own their own buildings—an activity which we hope has been well directed.

A note of warning is sounded—political strife making inroads into lodges. Where are the Masters who know so little as to permit such a thing or who are so lacking in power to prevent it?

The report of the Committee on Masonic Education and Research indicated steady progress in this most important branch of work.

The Proceedings contain a number of addresses on Masonic subjects, all of interest.

The report of Foreign Correspondence Committee reviews 65 jurisdictions. Generous space is given to Alberta.

G.M.B.

SCOTLAND

This Grand Lodge holds quarterly communications, the first being held in February, 1931, in Edinburgh. The M. W. the Grand Master Mason, Bro. A. A. Hagart Speirs of Elderslie, on the throne, Grand Lodge was opened in full form.

On this occasion charters were granted two new lodges, one in Northern Rhodesia and the other in Edinburgh. Recognition was granted to the National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia, Prague, and the National Grand Lodge of Roumania.

The proceedings were very brief and included the election of members to the Grand Committee. The result, apparently, was not declared immediately, but the Grand Master Mason intimated that the result of the election would be published next day in three of the leading Scotch papers. Grand Lodge was closed in full form.

This meeting was followed the next day by a meeting of the Grand Committee, corresponding to our Board of General Purposes, in which committee practically all the business of Grand Lodge is done. For instance, a delegate was appointed to proceed to New York to represent Grand Lodge at the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of New York. Applications were received from lodges in Natal and Rhodesia for dispensations to confer degrees in cases of emergency at intervals of not less than one week, instead of two weeks. The expulsion of a brother by a lodge in Newfoundland was reported and confirmed. A request for a ruling as to the proper method of wearing Craft Aprons was submitted and the view expressed was: "It is the custom in this jurisdiction for aprons to be worn beneath and not over the jacket."

A long report on the Annuity Fund was also discussed and adopted, together with many other financial matters.

The Annual Communication was held on November 30, 1931, after the quarterly communication on the 5th of the same month, when the officers were installed, after which ceremony Grand Lodge was closed in due form and the brethren then proceeded to the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew, a dinner in the Grand Hall. Here the usual toasts were proposed and many addresses were heard.

The Grand Master Mason, Bro. The Rt. Hon. The Lord Belhaven and Stenton, was toasted with three ringing cheers, followed by "one for his fireside." In his address he very cleverly suggested, in speaking of the decline in numbers owing to economic distress, that the falling off in applicants may not be entirely due to these causes alone and pointed out that, "As Freemasons, we depend to an extent that is not always realized by us, upon enjoying a good report among the general public outside," that if we really believed in Masonry, then our influence and our example should be the means of bringing in our sons, and if we are young enough, our brother, or any young fellow belonging to the family. Like Ireland, this Grand Lodge not only kept up its subscriptions to practically the same amount in their Benevolent and Annuity Fund, but the lodge collections received this year were in excess of last year.

Another speaker suggested one way of improving present conditions, in referring to the good old days when every Master Mason had a diploma on parchment, whereas now he has one on paper. The Province over which this speaker has the honor to preside, comprising forty-seven lodges, put up a resolution requesting parchment diplomas. The Grand Secretary replied that it would cost Grand Lodge \$12,000 and the speaker agreed this sum was possibly too large for Grand Lodge to face, but even so, it would have some compensation, because that money so expended would go back to his Province to those who breed the sheep from whose skins the parchment is made, and would have a diploma to pass down to posterity and at the same time help the business of the sheep farmer.

The Grand Committee met in January, 1932, transacted a large amount of Grand Lodge business and received the reports of the Provincial Grand Masters, which are somewhat like those of our D.D.G.M.'s, being accounts of their visits to lodges and the condition and progress of the same.

There is no Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Grand Master Mason, M. W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. The Lord Belhaven and Stenton.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. T. G. Winning.

J.H.W.S.K.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Proceedings for the year ending April 15, 1931.

We quote the following from the remarks of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Sir Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven, dealing with what is in this country the first conventional toast on the Masonic list:

"There is one other point on which I believe throughout the Craft in the Old Country and in Australia there has been a certain amount

of discussion; that is, as regards the ancient toast of "The King and the Craft." It has been suggested that the toast of "The King" should not be coupled with that of "The Craft," but from time immemorial the toast of "The King and the Craft" has been submitted at all Masonic banquets. Records show that as far back as 1430 in the time of King James the First, this toast was drunk in the lodges of Scotland. Again we find in 1607 at the laying of the Foundation Stone of the New Banqueting Hall at Whitehall, the toast was drunk of "The King and the Craft," and history records the fact that from those early days onwards "The King and the Craft" has been the first toast at all our Masonic gatherings. The true significance of this toast is loyalty of the Craft to the Sovereign, and identification of the Throne with ideals of the Craft. It appears to me that ancient usage and established custom are strong arguments in favour or retention of this toast in its present form and the strongest possible reasons would have to be produced before we should consider the question of in any way altering it. The real significance of the toast is that loyalty to the King is an essential principle of Freemasonry and that attitude of His Majesty towards his subjects is the embodiment of the ideals of the Craft, that is, brotherly love, relief, and truth."

The Grand Master also deals clearly and forcefully with the matter of the relative expenditures of the lodges on refreshments and benevolence, showing from actual returns that there is approximately between seven and eight times as much spent on refreshments as there was on benevolence, and points out the incongruity of such expenditures, especially during the present times of depression.

The Board of General Purposes draws attention to the indiscriminate visiting at lodges by private members, and points out that only those should visit lodges who are expressly invited to do so.

During the year 1930, the Benevolent Fund paid out over \$3,500 and about \$750 on special relief. The various Benevolent Funds have to their credit nearly \$100,000.

The Review of Foreign Correspondence deals with the reports of the individual lodges, that of Alberta being included in the Review.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. His Excellency Brigadier-General The Hon. Sir Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven, V.C., K.C.M.G. C.B., D.S.O.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. C. R. J. Glover, Adelaide.

E.T.B.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina held its One Hundred and Ninety-fourth Annual Communication on March 11th and 12th, 1931, in Charleston. Rather unique it was indeed that the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. I. C. Blackwood, should also be State Governor at the same time.

The Grand Chaplain in his address during the opening ceremonies stressed the fact that during this period of crumbling away of material things that the man who yesterday was, comparatively speaking, the embodiment of that which is high and noble, today flees from the voice of his own conscience, for he is full aware of the fact that he has lost

his sense of moral obligation. His conclusion will find echo in the hearts of all true Masons:

"Bolshevism, Atheism and Materialism may in some sense meet the wish of some who do not seriously consider the worthwhile in life. As for me, I have my doubts as to whether any of these shall meet the needs of any man. For those of us who have ever believed in God as being at the very foundation of all, and have always placed our trust in Him, nothing can take the place of the old, old story of the truth of God revealed to man. We believe in the power of his truth to overcome in all things. So brethren let you and I this morning rededicate ourselves and our all to simple faith in God Almighty and to a renewed service to Him in all the future of our lives."

M. W. Bro. Blackwood sounds a note in his address which we believe might well be heeded generally in the Craft. It was that great care should be exercised in these times in the suspension for non-payment of dues lest many of our best members may be lost through a temporary inability to meet lodge dues. He recommends that each lodge appoint a committee to carefully canvass those members who have been suspended during the past five years with the purpose that some adjustment may be made to enable them to again take up their active membership to the good of the lodge and the community.

An interesting question was asked the Grand Master for ruling. Has the Master of a lodge the authority to permit one brother to assist another brother in casting his ballot where the assistance so given would disclose the manner in which the brother being assisted votes? The case arose through a brother being totally unable to cast his ballot through a disability. The ruling, of course, was that no such authority existed, as if it did it would destroy the fundamental secrecy of how a brother balloted.

The Educational Committee in an endeavor to widen the scope of its usefulness caused its name to be changed to the Masonic Service Committee. The program is being directed along the lines of district meetings, district degree teams, inter-lodge visitation, wider use of the Masonic magazine and public and tiled educational meetings. The public meetings they find are of great value in conveying to the minds of the families and those who are friendly to the Craft what Freemasonry actually stands for, its history and its contribution to the progress of civilization.

The report of Foreign Correspondence is written by Brother George T. Harmon, who reviews M. W. Bro. Mitchell's year of office. Condemnation of the sale of lottery tickets among Masons meets his approval, as does also Bro. Mitchell's suggestion of the establishment of a Masonic museum. We beg to reciprocate to Bro. Harmon the kindly sentiments which he expresses to ourselves.

Membership, 28,092. Loss 940.

M. W. Grand Master, I. C. Blackwood.

R. W. Grand Secretary, O. Frank Hart.

V.H.M.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Fifty-seventh Communication, Yankton, June 9th and 10th, 1931. Carl H. Kubler, M. W. Grand Master presided. Alberta's Grand Representative was not present.

A most appropriate address of welcome was given by Bro. Sanford G. Donaldson, who went into some of the early history of Yankton and District, and the beginnings of Masonry there.

Fitting references were made to the deaths of Cyrus Burton Warne, Deputy Grand Master, and of Bro. Rev. Edward Ashley, Grand Chaplain, which had occurred during the year. Past Grand Master William E. Milligan, and Past Grand Master Robert S. Lockhart, also crossed the divide.

The Grand Master stated that his aims during his year of office were to promote friendship and goodwill, and to create a better understanding and co-operation between the subordinate lodges and the Grand Lodge. He had also tried to impress upon the brethren the many problems confronting them as Masons and citizens in the new and changing world, and had urged the necessity of Masons exemplifying in their daily lives the principles of Masonry, of right living and good citizenship, and that members of the Fraternity in South Dakota could accomplish great results by being upright men and loyal, law-abiding citizens.

The District Meetings had been both large and successful, and had created a sincere desire among the brethren for real Masonic light and knowledge. The work of the District Deputy Grand Masters was commended.

Several dispensations to confer degrees out of time were refused. One was granted to accommodate a Lieutenant in the Navy.

South Dakota has paid only 16 9-10 per cent of \$1.00 per capita contribution to the George Washington Memorial Fund, Kansas and Arkansas being the only Grand Jurisdictions with lower percentages of payment. The Grand Master ascribes this condition to lack of information on the magnitude, purpose and significance of the undertaking. In spite of a small loss in membership he feels that Masonry in South Dakota has gone forward steadily and substantially, and that real results have been achieved. He recommended that a committee work with the Secretary of each subordinate lodge in preventing suspensions for non-payment of dues. Very few decisions were asked of him. Suitable acknowledgement was made of the counsel and advice of the Grand Secretary.

The total cash on hand in all funds was \$17,608.57.

Total membership is 19,843, a net loss of 42.

The report of the committee appointed to consider the advisability of allowing Dual and Plural Membership is a very informing one. A step in that direction was taken, but later withdrawn, and the question must wait for another year.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had only three matters before them for consideration.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Wm. S. Harper, spoke briefly on "The Great Light in Masonry" a splendid address in every respect.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Ecuador and to the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany, but was not accorded to the National Grand Lodge of Roumania.

The usefulness of the report is somewhat marred, in our opinion, by the use of small type.

There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. Bro. Alton C. Kingsbury, Philip, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Fall, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

TASMANIA

Proceedings ending February, 1931

Grants of the Board of Benevolence during the year amounted to about \$3,500.

This Grand Lodge loans money to the individual lodges on mortgage security for the erection of Masonic Temples.

The reports of the various inspectors of lodges shows that the work is being kept up to a high standard.

It is interesting to note that in the election of Grand Lodge officers preferential ballot has been adopted.

The Grand Master gives an eloquent address upon the duty of Freemasonry in the present time.

Total number of lodges, 50. Total membership, 4,024.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Frank P. Bowden.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. H. Strutt.

E.T.B.

TENNESSEE

The Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Nashville, January 28th, 1931, Grand Master M. W. Bro. E. R. Burr, presiding.

Alberta was not represented.

We regret to note that this Grand Lodge lost its Grand Secretary by death on July 22nd, 1930.

The Grand Master, in his address, said that he had hoped to visit practically every lodge in the State. We note that there are only 451 lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, but in spite of the demands of business, he did manage to visit an extraordinary number. On looking over the list one wonders how the Grand Master's private business was attended to at all.

He urges further and greater consolidation of lodges. Small lodges, only a few miles apart, in this age of automobiles and good roads, could accomplish much more united than separated. It is curious to note, however, in this jurisdiction, the easier communications become, the harder it is to attend lodge. We hear far more about "the distance we have to go to lodge" than we did in the days before the automobile.

A number of rulings were requested, which the Grand Master answered by reference to the Constitution and only reports a few, which he considers of sufficient importance to be recorded. We might mention one of these. A lodge desired to circularize all lodges in the jurisdiction on behalf of a brother in ill health, whose home was mortgaged. Held, that an appeal could not be made without the Grand Master's approval which in this case was withheld.

It would appear that this Grand Lodge automatically suspends lodges from work, which fail to be represented in Grand Lodge for two successive communications. The Grand Master notes that many of

the lodges are attempting to carry on their work without sufficient dues to meet their needs, in some instances, just enough to pay their per capita tax. In commenting on the inactivity of a lodge, due to its lack of funds, he says, "Let's raise our dues, not to the point where it will be a burden, but in order that we might get the best out of our efforts and by this means contribute, not only to the relief, but to the pleasure of those with whom we come in contact."

He arrested one charter. It was the case of a lodge which was practically moribund.

The Fraternal Correspondence is under the chairmanship of M. W. Bro. John T. Peeler, P.G.M. He mentions the loss numerically sustained by Masonry in general, during the last two years. He says, "Oftimes, this loss is but a fraternal gain," in referring to suspensions for N.P.D. On the other hand, he finds that the progress the Masonic Order has made in the last few years, in the support of educational institutions, educational legislation and a general diffusion of knowledge, is a matter of gratification.

Alberta receives fraternal notice for 1929. He refers to M. W. Bro. Mitchell's photograph, "Excellent picture in full regalia." He also quotes at some length from his address and speaks very kindly of our review, referring to our Grand Lodge as peripatetic, the next Annual Communication being at Jasper Park. But he spells the writer's name with two "n's" instead of two "m's". Of course he feels safe, because this writer is not "peripatetic."

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Robert V. Hope.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. T. W. Doss.

J.H.W.S.K.

TEXAS

The Grand Lodge of the State of Texas opened its Ninety-sixth Annual Communication on December 2nd, 1931, at the City of Waco, with M. W. Bro. James W. McClendon, Grand Master presiding.

M. W. Bro. Ernest E. Sykes of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and a number of his officers were received and accorded the honors becoming their rank.

In the list of Grand Representatives, that of Alberta, we regret to say, is missing.

Texas had the misfortune to lose a very eminent brother in the person of M. W. Bro. Andrew Randell, a Past Grand Master and for sometime Secretary of the Masonic Service Association. Fitting reference is made in the Proceedings of the work and achievements of this esteemed Brother, and his library of Masonic Books and Documents was purchased by the Grand Lodge and special space being allotted to it which will bear his name.

The Grand Master makes reference to the depression prevailing, and presents a picture in which he sees Masonry materially assisting in solving the pressing economic problems of the day.

Education plays an important part in the work of this Grand Body, and to meet an urgent demand the Grand Master caused a

"Masonic Education Bulletin" to be issued each month. This has met with considerable success and its continuance is recommended.

The Centennial of this Grand Lodge falls due within the next four years and the Grand Master has come forward with a suggestion that a Grand Lodge Memorial Building be erected in memory of the distinguished Masonic forbears who laid the foundations of Masonry in Texas.

The Grand Secretary's report covers the usual statistical ground, showing a decrease of some 3,188, which is common to most Grand Lodges at this time. One matter worthy of comment is the work of classifying and cataloguing some 913 books in the Grand Lodge Library entailing the use of some 4,992 cards giving subjects etc. Needless to say the Grand Secretary engaged the services of an expert librarian to perform this task and we feel confident it will be of inestimable value to the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction.

We would commend the report of the Masonic Education and Service Committee to all students of Masonry and indeed to the Chairman of Research and Education. It is a comprehensive document, giving the most complete details of the addresses and pamphlets issued and shows the intense interest displayed in this work.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. Bro. W. M. Fly who is most generous in his review of Alberta for 1930 and 1931. We regret very much that Texas was overlooked for 1930, but the only reason can be that it did not reach the reviewer. Texas always offers a most interesting volume and our one regret is that space does not permit of a more detailed account of the interesting facts recorded therein.

M. W. Bro. Alva Bryan, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. W. B. Pearson, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

UTAH, 1932

Sixty-first Annual Communication, Salt Lake City, January 19th and 20th.

M. W. Bro. Burt H. Hunt, Grand Master, presided.

Twenty-four of the twenty-six lodges in the jurisdiction were represented. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present. Alberta was represented by its Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. A. E. Eberhardt.

The Grand Master, who did not deliver his address until the afternoon session, referred feelingly to the death of Past Grand Master William John Lynch, which occurred on July 22nd, 1931. A strong tribute was paid to the sterling character of the departed friend and brother.

As the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia had failed to attend Grand Lodge Communications for two consecutive years the Grand Master nominated another brother to represent the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, decided that in such cases the Grand Master had exhausted his authority when he requested the revocation

of the Grand Representative's commission. After explanations had been made the difficulty was amicably settled.

A ruling of the Grand Master, that a petition might be received from a man with but one eye, was approved.

One temple had been dedicated and one lodge constituted.

The Grand Master found a most kind and cordial feeling throughout his jurisdiction. All officers of Grand Lodge were heartily thanked for their co-operation and assistance, especially the Grand Secretary, Past Grand Master Sam Henry Goodwin.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed a net loss of 107 members. He also noted that for the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge certain of the lodges had been unable to send cheques for fees and dues with their returns. Part of this difficulty, however, was owing to having their funds tied up in closed banks. We notice that Kaibab Lodge was second in the total number of degrees conferred, and first in the matter of suspensions. And it is a young lodge, too. A little advice to it might be in order.

Active, definite steps towards Masonic education and instruction are being taken, which will doubtless bear fruit in due season.

Lodges were directed to drop from their rolls Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts who have not presented themselves for advancement within two years, unless good cause could be shown. Apparently very little Masonic education satisfies some.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had only one matter brought to their attention.

A very interesting report is given by the Grand Secretary of his attendance at the Bi-Centenary Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in October, 1931, and in which he describes the ceremony of the making of a Mason at sight.

The address of the Grand Orator, George H. Ryan, on "Whence Came We and Whither Travelling," is a rather ambitious effort. We would hardly care to subscribe to all his views, but if they please his hearers the rest of us should not complain of them. After reading the addresses of several Grand Orators we are fully reconciled to the fact that there is no such official in this jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence from the pen of the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Sam Henry Goodwin, is possibly the best that comes to us. The brother has a very well stored mind from which he can draw at will. We admire the evidences of his learning as he reveals what we had long forgotten in the way of quotations and allusions. His criticisms are always in the best spirit and feeling. His Report is a liberal education in Masonry. After reading it, we echo the prayer of the Grand Master that Divine Providence may long spare him. We are glad that he finds the language of our reviews of Utah to his liking.

M. W. Bro. Howard Pendleton Kirtley, Salt Lake City, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Sam Henry Goodwin, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

VERMONT

The Grand Lodge of Vermont opened its One Hundred and Thirty eighth Annual Communication at the City of Burlington on Wednesday, the 10th June, 1931, with M. W. Bro. Aaron H. Grout, Grand Master, presiding.

There were representatives from five foreign jurisdictions including the Grand Master of Quebec, who were all received with due Masonic honors. In the list of Grand Representatives, we are pleased to note the name of M. W. Bro. Charles H. Darling for Alberta.

During his term of office the Grand Master dedicated two Lodge Halls. Visits were paid to the Grand Lodges of Connecticut, Quebec and New Jersey, as well as attendance at the New England conference.

Through the efforts of the Grand Master sufficient money was raised to purchase a stained glass window for the main auditorium of the George Washington Memorial as a memento of Vermont Masonry.

Finances of both Grand Lodge and of subordinate lodges form a large part of the Grand Master's address, and we should judge from the reading of same that M. W. Bro. Grout has given considerable time and thought to the question. He comes forward with some very excellent suggestions to the Craft to place their affairs on a sound basis so that they may assume their proper sphere.

From the Grand Secretary's report we observe that there is an increase of 38 in the membership, which must be considered satisfactory when so many Grand Lodges are showing a loss. The Special Charity Fund shows payments of \$8,782.16 to dependents.

In the report of the Committee on Necrology mention is made of the death of M. W. Bros. N. E. Carruthers and H. C. Taylor of our own Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence does not hesitate to call the Grand Master for his neglect to furnish a record of his decisions.

The special committee appointed to investigate into the matter of the erection of a Masonic Home did not meet with favorable comment, owing to the lethargy or lack of interest of the constituent lodges, and as a result it was decided to allow this matter to lie on the table till a more convenient season.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. Bro. A. S. Harriman, who, in his "foreword" deals in rather an unique manner with the several subjects dealt with in the Proceedings and then proceeds to give a list of these and where they may be found. Charity seems to take a large part in the Proceedings, special reference being made to the fact that so-called English lodges seem to make it one of their chief businesses, and he asks the very pertinent question, "Does that account for the fact that the English Grand Lodges seem to be almost universally prosperous?"

Alberta is well and favorably reviewed.

M. W. Bro. Aaron H. Grout, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

VICTORIA

Proceedings for the year 1930

The Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge has to its credit approximately \$640,000.

The Grand Master draws the attention to the fact that approximately \$175,000. had been spent during the last year on refreshments and banquets and points out that this is a disproportionate amount of expenditure especially having regard to the present times.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence deals with the individual Proceedings of the foreign jurisdictions, including that of Alberta. Number of lodges, 474. Numbers of members, 52,054.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. His Excellency Lord Somers, K.C. M.G., D.S.O., M.C.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Wm. Stewart, P.S.G.W., Freemasons' Hall, 25 Collins St., Melbourne.

E.T.B.

VIRGINIA

The One Hundred and Fifty-third Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Virginia met in Richmond, on February 10th, 11th and 12th, 1931, M. W. Bro. The Rev. F. McFaden, D.D., Grand Master.

The roster of Grand Lodge officers presents a galaxy of men of learning for it includes three clergymen, two of whom are Doctors of Divinity, a Medical Doctor and another Doctor of undesignated category. What a contribution to Freemasonry these men can make if they are enthusiastic about it.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary of North Carolina were among the distinguished visitors. Alberta's Grand Representative was present.

There is a forthrightness about the Grand Master's address which immediately seizes one with the idea that here is a Mason one would like to know. The committee on his address conclude their report by saying that Virginia has indeed been fortunate to have the services of so great and good a man and that he shall rank as one of the outstanding men whose names may appear in the list of Grand Masters.

The George Washington Memorial is at Alexandria, Virginia, and consequently much of Grand Lodge's time was taken up planning for the proper discharge of its duties in connection with the celebration attendant on the dedication of the Memorial. Fredericksburg Lodge will also celebrate the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the raising of George Washington in that lodge. The Grand Master recommended substantial appropriations in connection with these events, but it was pointed out that the dedication would be in the hands of the National Memorial Association.

Brother McFaden, dealing with the matter of attendance says, "In too many instances our attendance is not what it should be. We are not a social order, nor are we an entertainment concern. But our officers should learn the ritual, the meetings should be made interesting

and profitable. Degree teams, intervisitation, lectures and programs that will instruct are most desirable. Times change. Methods change. But after all it depends upon the rank and file of the membership. The weak brother and our critical member are those that attend very irregularly and pay less. There must be of necessity leaders. There is one Niagara, but it is dependent for its greatness upon the rivulets and streams for its grandeur and success."

Recommendations of the Grand Master which met with approval were the payment of dues semi-annually and the bearing by the lodge of a portion of the expense of trials. His recommendation to continue membership in the Masonic Relief Association was not adopted and thereby Virginia ceases as a member. Grand Lodge decided to continue to print the names of all Masons in the Proceedings. A ruling of the Grand Master approved by the Jurisprudence Committee which may meet with some outside criticism was that it was proper for near female relatives of a Mason to wear Masonic emblems. Of course this, like many other things under certain restricted circumstances, such as when travelling alone or such like, is probably all right, but who is there to draw the line. One remembers with disgust seeing riding in a certain street car day after day, a lady wearing as a watch fob, a Past Master's jewel. No one would approve of that, but who had the right to stop it. Is it not better to leave these things to the common sense of the individual than that Grand Lodge should place a stamp of approval or disapproval upon the practice.

A dispensation to lay the corner stone of a church on Sunday was not approved on the basis of common practice, a violation of ritual and charges to candidates. The Grand Master granted it inasmuch as the church has asked for it and he believed that if it were refused Masonry would suffer thereby. He placed it in the same category as a Sunday funeral. It was a religious service. Be that as it may, it is one matter upon which we are willing to let our Methodist mind rule and agree with the committee.

Several dispensations to physically imperfect candidates were not approved on the grounds of violation of their constitution and the practice of years gone by. The Grand Master pointed out and we submit not without justification that we will accept candidates with "wooden heads but not with wooden legs."

Recorded in the Proceedings is a copy of the cablegram of greetings from the United Grand Lodge of England signed by the Duke of Connaught to the American Grand Lodges that were directly associated with the Provincial Grand Lodge instituted by an Englishman in America in 1730. Virginia replied with appropriate felicitations.

A generous gift of 283 acres of farm land is recorded. It would appear possible that the long projected Home for which over \$200,000 has been collected may be located upon this property. The intention is to erect it in units.

The matter of the non-affiliate received attention and by an amendment, he is now described as one who has failed to obtain membership within six months of receiving his dimit and thereby is not permitted to visit.

Brother Clift reviews Alberta, 1930, and quotes from M. W. Bro. Middleton's address. He was amused with that story about the drunk man who wanted to hear the Canon speak, and being remonstrated with that he should not go into the meeting because he was intoxicated replied, that he would not care to hear Brother Middleton speak unless

he was drunk. Concluding his report Brother Clift appends a bird's eye perspective of his reading in which he says:

"The more progressive Grand Lodges rarely refer to suspensions or the decrease in petitioners; these continue however to show gains despite all this. It is still noticable that jurisdictions with minimum fees of over \$50.00 continue to show gains, whereas the jurisdictions with minimum fees of \$35.00 and \$40.00 show losses. Canadian Grand Lodges all show gains (1930) in membership; fees in these are much higher than Grand Lodges in the southern tier of States, and are only approximated by jurisdictions like Pennsylvania with a minimum of \$90.00 and California with an average of about \$100.00.

"Additional Grand Lodges each year show financial improvement for their benevolent objectives. It is apparent that Masons in the United States will support charities only through their lodges and Grand Lodge treasuries; that they will not do this with any degree of unanimity through voluntary contributions.

Of all Grand Lodges perhaps Pennsylvania and California finances are best laid and least burdensome on the membership. The former exacts from every petitioner \$40.00 for its benevolent funds; while California with even a better plan shows the greater gain in membership and its tax burden on the old membership is about \$1.60 per capita and exacts \$25.00 from all petitioners for the degrees or for affiliation in any California lodge for its Home and Charity Funds."

Lodges, 354. Membership, 48,577. Loss, 287.

M. W. Grand Master, A. M. Showalter.

R. W. Grand Secretary, James M. Clift.

V.H.M.

WASHINGTON

Seventy-fourth Annual Communication held at Bellingham, June 16th and 17th, 1931.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. William C. Bates, Grand Master. 246 lodges were represented out of 266 on the roll. Alberta was represented by M. W. Bro. F. N. McCandless, our Grand Representative.

Grand Lodge was cordially welcomed by Bro. E. E. Hardin on behalf of the brethren of Bellingham and the Grand Junior Warden suitably responded.

In his record of official acts the Grand Master disapproved of changes in Lodge By-Laws.

(a) Proposing the selection of an advisory committee to whom all matters had to be referred before presentation to lodge—"Resolutions, covering any proposal, financial or otherwise, vital to the present or future welfare of the lodge"—including the right to initiate matters.

(b) Proposing to restrict the power of the Master to appoint members of a specified committee.

(c) Proposing to permit payment of initiation fee in installments.

In view of our dual membership regulations the following decisions are interesting:

(a) "Bro. A. was made a Master Mason in Colorado and dimitted to a lodge in India. Our lodge inquired if he could affiliate with it

without securing dimit from Indian lodge in view of the fact that dual membership is permitted in lodges under the English Consitution. Held: He must secure his dimit."

(b) "That our law does not prohibit a member of a lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction from being elected to membership in a lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction that permits dual membership. . . ."

Temple Builders might note this one:

"To a lodge which recently erected a temple, held that it was improper to refuse a dimit to a brother because the brother refused to pay for a bond to the temple association erecting the building, the latter being distinct from the lodge."

Here is a ruling with which we do not agree:

A member dropped for non-payment of dues may visit lodge providing there be no objection raised and he participates in none of the privileges and rights thereof.

The Grand Master comments on many things including the chain letter pest. He remarks succinctly: "If a brother thinks he can win a lottery or a horse race by sending out nine letters, no edict of prohibition will cure him of his asininity." To which we fervently answer: "Yea, verily!"

A net loss of 141 members is recorded for the year but the Grand Master is not at all perturbed.

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education reports fully on its theory of Masonic Education and its plans for putting that theory into practice. The method seems to be to select a suitable subject or subjects, prepare outlines and direction as to where material is available and ask the officers of the lodges to prepare and deliver their own addresses. Five hundred and ten such addresses were delivered during the year. The scheme works and the committee concludes its report with this remark:

"Masonic education during the past ten years has become a vital living interest in every Grand Jurisdiction in the world. Masons everywhere are agreed that an understanding of its history, symbolism and philosophy is of prime importance. The Washington plan is a system of directed, self-education. It is pedagogically sound. The results in this jurisdiction speak for themselves."

The Report of the Grand Historian is an excellent dissertation on the influence of the early Grand Masters on the History of Washington. Apparently they had a very decided effect for good.

The text of the "Disciplinary Code" dealing with offenses and trials appears in full.

The Annual Oration is from the pen of Wor. Bro. J. Orval Rumens and is entitled "The Designs upon the Trestle Board." A very thoughtful speech it is and will pull many a lodge member up short to ask himself if he is even trying to be a Mason.

Numerous statistics complete a fine volume. In the Report on Foreign Correspondence, Alberta receives full and kindly mention.

Next Annual Communication at Tacoma, June 21st, 1932.

M. W. Grand Master, Thomas M. Askran, Seattle.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma.

A. M. M.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Proceedings ending May, 1931

Among other things dealt with by the Grand Master is the matter of visiting by those beneath the rank of a Master Mason. He points out that such visiting is improper.

The Grand Master deals at some length with what are described as "three irregular organizations which claim to have something to do with Freemasonry," the principal one of which is the Order of the Eastern Star. He quotes the rule of the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Ireland and of the conferences of the Grand Lodge of Australia, to the effect that no Mason shall join the Order and no meetings of the Order shall be permitted in any Masonic lodge room.

For the year ending the 31st of March, 1931, the Benevolent Fund disbursed approximately \$5,000, and the statement of the General Fund of Grand Lodge for that date showed excess assets of over \$50,000.

There is a very full review of Foreign Correspondence, the Alberta Proceedings particularly receiving an ample report.

Number of lodges, 151. Number of members, 8,991.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. C. McCallum, M.B.E. (M.I.L.)

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. D. Stevenson.

E.T.B.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Sixty-seventh Annual Communication was held in the City of Fairmont, October 7th, 1931, M. W. Bro. Wm. T. Morris, Grand Master, presiding.

Alberta was represented by R. W. Bro. F. F. Flaig, S.G.W.

The Grand Master's address is a very full account of his year's work. While he feels that general conditions are such that Masonry, like other institutions, is on trial, he has no doubt of the outcome and that Masonry will emerge again, justifying its teachings as more than theory and its existence "having stood four square, as always, for God, Country and the Truth."

The Grand Master refused to sanction the sponsoring of a chapter of De Molay by a lodge. He also refused to sanction the use of a lodge room by Job's Daughters and refused to permit the American Legion Auxiliary to use a lodge room for a convention meeting place.

He declined to issue a dispensation to a lodge to hold a meeting for work in the Master Mason degree in a Knights of Pythias' Hall.

He regretfully declined an invitation to lay the corner stone of the American Legion Building, it not being a public building.

He mentions two decisions: 1. A petitioner was initiated in a regular lodge in Ohio. Shortly afterwards he moved to West Virginia, so never applied for his second degree. Twenty years have elapsed. He held that as Ohio has a limit of three years in such cases and will not issue a dimit for the first or second degree, this petitioner may apply to a West Virginia lodge, but as a profane. In other words, he must take the Entered Apprentice degree again:

2. A member of a lodge is convicted of a felony and is serving a ten year term in the State Penal Institution at Moundsville. Where should charges be preferred against him? He held that the lodge to which he belonged still holds jurisdiction, as his sojourn in Moundsville does not constitute a legal residence.

He recommended that a committee be appointed to study dual and plural membership and report at the next Annual Communication.

Clandestine Masonry had secured a foothold in West Virginia at the time the Grand Master assumed office. Through the efforts of the Masons of Pennsylvania the promoters of this clandestine effort served time in the jail at Uniontown, Pa., and through the individual efforts of Masons in West Virginia the State charters in West Virginia were surrendered, and the four lodges suspended. However, a second invasion took place, this time from Ohio and another lodge was established, but the Grand Master is informed the chief promoter of both enterprises was convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses and is now residing in Moundsville.

He devotes some space to the District Deputy Grand Masters' system. The deputies are elected to office, as with us, changing every year. He states that they have been of invaluable help to him and most faithful to their duties. He feels, however, that the system is faulty in that it is based on the distribution of the honor among the lodges of a district, instead of selecting the most capable brother and continuing him in office to the credit of the district. Experience and training are necessary factors in efficiency. He emphasizes the great importance of having the reports of the District Deputies sent in by the time specified, so that the Grand Master may know the condition of all the lodges, as one missing report might change the entire aspect of the study of these conditions. He would, therefore, recommend that appointment of these officers be distinctly a function and prerogative of the Grand Master and would have them continued year to year in the office. He further recommends, that the duties of these officers be enlarged to include having direct charge of whatever plan of Masonic education Grand Lodge may adopt.

Regarding physical qualifications, the Grand Master feels that often the ancient law is too narrowly interpreted and trusts that a more satisfactory definition of what constitutes physical qualifications for candidates may be laid down by this Grand Lodge.

In short, the Grand Master went thoroughly into every phase of the Masonic activities in his jurisdiction, Benevolence, the Masonic Home and Masonic education, being dealt with at length.

This Grand Lodge mourns the loss, by death, of two very distinguished Past Grand Masters in M. W. Bros. A. D. W. Strickler, Grand Master in 1900, and A. C. Nadenbusch, Grand Master in 1920.

M. W. Bro. Louis N. Tavender submits the Report on Correspondence. In a brief foreword he finds a general inclination to favor the consolidation of lodges too weak in numbers and remarks that the expressions in this regard are from the Grand Master's addresses and not from the reviewers.

His report of the various Grand Jurisdictions reviewed is very complete and painstaking. Alberta receives generous notice for Grand Master Middleton's year. In each review he gives the area of the jurisdiction and its population and credits Alberta with a population

of 2,348,174, although we have less than a million in this immense province.

Grand Master, M: W. Bro. John W. de Vebre.

Grand Secretary, R: W. Bro. Fred. C. Steinbicker.

J.H.W.S.K.

WISCONSIN

The Eighty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was held in the City of Milwaukee on June 9th, 1931. M. W. Bro. Herbert N. Laflin, Grand Master presided. Of the nineteen living Past Grand Masters, sixteen were present. The Representative for Alberta was absent.

Distinguished guests were introduced in the persons of Bro. Winfield W. Gilman, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin and Bro. Andrew D. Agnew of the Grand Encampment of the United States. The Grand Master made the following decisions which are of interest:

1. "There is nothing in the Ancient Landmarks or in the Masonic law of this Grand Jurisdiction which forbids the holding of the Masonic burial service over the ashes of a brother who has been cremated.

2. "Under its charter, Kenosha Lodge can function only in the State of Wisconsin and within the City of Kenosha. It has no corporate existence as a lodge beyond its limits. Neither is it possible for any lodge, other than one chartered by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, to function as a lodge in this state. It will be entirely proper for the members of Kenosha Lodge, as individuals, to visit Edgewater Lodge, and if requested so to do by its Worshipful Master, to assume the official stations and confer the Master's Degree upon a candidate of Edgewater Lodge. This must be done wholly in your individual capacities and Kenosha Lodge as a Masonic body must be left at home.

"I have had occasion to answer similar questions many times during the year. I seriously doubt the wisdom of inviting officers or members of lodges of other Grand Jurisdictions to visit our lodges and confer the degrees. We are spending considerable sums every year to

perfect our own officers in the rendition of the Wisconsin ritual. By inviting officers of non-resident lodges, whose work is apt to be quite different, confer degrees in our local lodges, we are in a measure overcoming the efforts of our Grand Lecturers. Quite a number of our sister Grand Jurisdictions have by edict forbidden visitations of this character by officers or members of non-resident lodges.

3. "Two brothers, farmers living midway between Rosendale and Oshkosh, but within the territorial jurisdiction of Oshkosh Lodges, are desituous of petitioning for the degrees in Rosendale Lodge. Their business and social interests are all at Rosendale. Many of their intimate friends are members of Rosendale Lodge. They have no interests or connections at Oshkosh, social or otherwise. Obviously Rosendale Lodge cannot accept their petitions until a valid waiver of jurisdiction is acquired from Oshkosh. How is this to be accomplished?

"Answer: A lodge cannot waive jurisdiction over a non-Mason resident within its territorial jurisdiction. Until such time as the non-Mason petitions for the degrees, it has no jurisdiction to waive. It

will be necessary for these brothers to present their petitions for the degrees to one of the Oshkosh lodges, the petition to be accompanied by the required fee. The lodge to which the petitions are so presented will acquire jurisdiction of the petitioners, whereupon, and before their initiation, Rosendale Lodge may request the Oshkosh Lodge, to which petition has been made, for a waiver of jurisdiction. The waiver will require a clear ballot. If jurisdiction is so waived, a ballot on the petitioners must be had in Rosendale Lodge, which also must be clear, and the same course pursued as if the petitions had originally been made to Rosendale Lodge. If the Oshkosh Lodge waives jurisdiction and Rosendale Lodge, after a clear ballot, confers the degrees, Rosendale Lodge will be entitled to the fees.

4. "A candidate who loses a foot after being balloted on cannot be admitted."

In the opinion of Alberta this is severe.

Wisconsin does not permit any of its funds to be loaned directly or indirectly to any Masonic Body.

Wisconsin Grand Lodge in conjunction with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council contemplate purchasing a building for the use of their secretaries.

Speaking of the Trial Code, the Grand Master says:

"In his report to the Grand Lodge one year ago, Grand Master Jenks recommended that the trial code be amended so that the lodge may reinstate members suspended for non-payment of dues without the consent or participation of the Grand Lodge. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence disapproved of the suggestion. With all deference to the committee, my experience convinces me that the Grand Master was right and the committee wrong. The financial relations subsisting between a lodge and its members is a matter peculiarly personal to the lodge, and the lodge is much better qualified to handle such matters than is the Grand Lodge, which must necessarily deal with them at arm's length. Suspension for remaining excluded for non-payment of dues involves no moral turpitude, and if such a suspended brother desires to pay his dues and be reinstated, his lodge and his brethren should, in their judgment the circumstances warrant, be privileged to reinstate him. The matter does not concern the Grand Lodge. I, therefore suggest that the committee to be appointed to revise the trial code give this matter most careful consideration."

In Alberta each constituent lodge handles the suspensions for non-payment of dues.

The Grand Master recommends the appointment of a committee to rewrite the Burial Service and in this connection we quote from his address:

"It is the Master's privilege to wear his hat. There is no Masonic law which makes it obligatory upon him to wear it at a Masonic funeral, but a due regard for the conventions of polite society, the respect, favor and good will of ladies and gentlemen dictate that the hat should not be worn at a service held in a sacred edifice, a mortuary chapel or a private home."

Wisconsin has contributed \$12,000 to the Washington Memorial.

The Grand Lodge has reached the capacity of the Masonic Home and the future policy of this Grand Lodge will be to extend relief to those in need, at their homes or among friends. This is Alberta's policy.

It was recommended that membership in the Masonic Relief Association of Canada and the United States be discontinued on account of the cost.

We find in the Grand Master's address the following:

"There is much, very much, for Masons to do, dear brothers: Many grave questions confront us. Why is the spirit of war still abroad in the world? Why the ebb and flow of human misery? Why right so often on the scaffold; wrong so often on the throne? Why is virtue so frequently clad in rags while wrong flaunts its silken garments? Why is there graft and corruption in the handling of both public and private affairs? Why do crime, disease, want, hunger, still infest society; dishonor stalk in high places and hate rule in the hearts of men?"

The Grand Lodges of Cechoslovakia and of Ecuador were recognized.

We quote from the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research:

"Freemasonry is helping thousands of its votaries to be better men. It is giving them higher conceptions of their duties to God and their fellowmen. It is furnishing them with a philosophy of life that is elevating and ennobling. By its peculiar methods of ritual and symbolism it reaches the hearts of many who might not otherwise have grasped basic spiritual and ethical truths. No man can participate in the ceremonies of Freemasonry and fail to be influenced to higher ideals, purer thoughts and nobler actions!"

M. W. Bro. Aldro Jenks gives Alberta a very courteous review of two pages.

M. W. Bro. William R. Graves, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. William F. Feiler, Grand Secretary.

Total assets: \$1,158,711.46.

312 Lodges. Membership, 62,588. Gain, 250:

M.M.D.

WYOMING

Fifty-seventh Annual Communication, Laramie, August 26th, 27th, 1931.

M. W. Bro. Elwood Anderson, Grand Master, presided:

Forty-five out of forty-nine chartered lodges were represented.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were presented to the altar, welcomed by the Grand Master, escorted to the East and given the Grand Honors.

The list of deceased Past Grand Masters and Secretaries was read, the brethren standing in silence.

A warm welcome was extended to Grand Lodge by Bro. R. E. McWhinnie, Worshipful Master of Laramie Lodge, Number 3, to which Bro. John Stansbury, S. G. D., replied.

The Grand Master was happy to report that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. To his knowledge there were no questions of dissension within the ranks, and Masonry

in Wyoming was growing and prospering. In comparison with other Grand Jurisdictions and with other fraternal organizations the slight gain in membership of four was considered an excellent showing.

The reported decisions of the Grand Master were generally approved. One question, however, with its answer, was ordered to be eliminated from the printed Proceedings, which was done.

Five corner stones were laid during the year.

Doubt as to the wisdom of enlarging upon the original plans for the George Washington Memorial was expressed, but it was recommended that the situation as existing be accepted, and Wyoming Masons were urged to continue their approval and support of the edifice.

The Grand Secretary mentions the Chain Letter nuisance, and says: "It is amazing the number of Masons, intelligent, sensible men, who fall for this imposition. Prayers are too sacred to be associated with ridiculous warnings or made a plaything of by being sent through the mails to Tom, Dick and Harry. All Masons should condemn this practice and throw the letter in the waste basket. It is based upon superstition, and it fills the mails with thousands of useless letters. Prayers must never be cheapened by such treatment, for it has no purpose and achieves no good."

The Grand Treasurer showed a balance on hand of \$20,061.21.

The Report of the Wyoming Masonic Home Fund Foundation revealed total assets of \$72,033.83. A splendid service is being rendered to the aged and dependent. Apparently many calls are being made for assistance, and a timely warning is sounded in the Report by a quotation from the address of a Grand Master, as follows: "There has grown up in this Grand Jurisdiction of late years quite an erroneous idea, and exaggerated notion, of the material and pecuniary benefits accruing to Masonic affiliation by right. The notion is more or less prevalent among some Masons and some non-Masons, that a Masonic lodge is pecuniarily liable to its members for doctor and nurse's bills, and funeral expenses, as well as the future support of their families. In view of these facts I think it wise to advise all parties concerned, that Masonry has nothing for sale, and that no Mason now has, or ever has had, any pecuniary claim, of right, on Masonry, for himself or his family." The Report continues: "Masonic benevolence is the admiration of many outside our Order, but Freemasonry is not a beneficial organization in the same sense in which the term is applied to some other fraternities, and every petitioner for the degrees should be so informed. It does not guarantee a stipulated amount in case of sickness, nor does it obligate its initiates to give permanent relief, but it does inspire its members to have a personal responsibility for the welfare of each other, and to help, aid and assist where necessary. We should always 'live in the house by the side of the road,' for the charity we teach is that which springs from a desire to be of service to others, and it is our duty to relieve those of the Craft who are worthy." It is seldom that we have seen Masonic duty in this respect so well defined.

The Grand Historian, Bro. Alfred J. Mokler, gave a good address, from which we would quote if space permitted. The Report of the Custodian of the Work, Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes, also makes interesting reading.

Requests for recognition were received from the Grand Lodges of Ecuador, Rio de Janeiro, Guatemala, Chile, and several Grand Lodges

in Brazil, but no recommendations were made by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Several interesting topics are discussed in this Report, all of them of interest to the Masonic student.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that no matters had been referred to them for attention.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is the work of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes. He reviewed the work of sixty-four Grand Jurisdictions, and collected a great deal of interesting information. One pleasing feature of the Report is that in the case of Grand Jurisdictions in the United States he gives in each case the derivation of the name of the State, its meaning, the State's motto and flower, the nickname of the State, its area, its population, and its rank in general population and Masonic membership. The date of the organization of its Grand Lodge is also given. We feel indebted to Bro. Lowndes for his able and informing Report which we have read with great interest and pleasure. Our only regret is that he overlooked Alberta.

M. W. Bro. Lewis J. Holliday, Laramie, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper, Grand Secretary.

C. V. B.

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